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FORMS OF FAMILY DEVOTION

FOR SIX WEEKS.

CHIEFLY IN THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE
AND OF
THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

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PREFACE.

THE following collection of Family Prayers is taken from the well-known publications of Mr. Cotterell and Mr. Jowett, the latter of which has been for some time out of print. In the present volume certain passages will be found printed in italics, which may be omitted at pleasure. Probably most persons who use a form of prayer are accustomed to omit some sentences, either with a view to brevity or because they contain expressions which, however animated or impressive, are not suited for constant repetition. Such omissions, however, can scarcely be made

impromptu without difficulty or disturbance; and a distinctive type, introduced with due consideration, may therefore be found an assistance. The occasional use of the passages thus marked will tend to give as much of variety as is perhaps compatible with the use of a form.

The prayers for the first four weeks, and the occasional prayers, are taken from the volume of the late Rev. Thomas Cotterell. The shorter prayers, for the fifth and sixth weeks, are by the late Rev. William Jowett. A few verbal alterations have been made, chiefly in the way of condensation.

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

FAMILY PRAYERS.

First Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O LORD our heavenly Father, look down upon us, thy unworthy servants, who are assembled together to acknowledge thy goodness in bringing us once more to see the light of this holy day.

We adore Thee for thy patience and forbearance in not dealing with us according to our deserts, nor rewarding us according to our iniquities. And we beseech Thee to pour down upon us the abundance of thy grace, that we may rest this day, according to thy will. Let it not be a weariness to us, but our delight; and let us honour Thee, not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words.

Bless us, O Lord, with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus : bless us, we pray Thee, in turning away every one of us from our iniquities.

Wash us in the fountain of that blood which cleanseth from all sin. Clothe us with the robe of that righteousness which is, by faith of Jesus Christ, unto all and upon all them that believe.

Prepare us for all the duties of this day, and sanctify unto us thy appointed means of grace.

Send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead us; let them bring us to thy dwelling-place, and to thy tabernacle. May we go with the multitude to thy house of prayer, with the voice of joy and praise, with the multitude that keep holyday. There may we give Thee the glory which is due unto thy Name, and worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. May we see thy power and thy glory, as thy servants see them in the sanctuary; and be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Grant, O Lord, that the Scriptures, which Thou hast caused to be written for our learning, may be made profitable to us through the teaching of thy Holy Spirit. May we in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life.

Hear our prayers, O God, for all Christian Ministers [especially for *him* whom thou hast appointed over us]. Endue them with thy

heavenly grace. Give unto them the spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind. Make them able ministers of the New Testament, faithful stewards of thy mysteries. Help them to take heed to themselves and to their doctrine, that so, according to thy promise, they may both save themselves and those who hear them.

We beseech Thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all they who do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love, and may numbers be added to it this day of such as shall be saved.

Look in mercy upon all who neglect this holy day. Teach them to improve the time that remains, and so to redeem the time which they have lost, that they may be numbered among thy true people.

Remember for good as many as, through sickness, or any other lawful impediment, may be prevented from attending the ordinances of thy house, the habitation which their soul loveth. Let thy presence be with them, even as with those who shall assemble together in thy name.

We pray Thee, also, to have compassion upon those who belong not to thy visible Church.

O Thou, who art a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy people Israel, shine upon the nations which sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

Give, O Lord, the word, that great may be the company of the Preachers, who shall go forth into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature; till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy glory, as the waters cover the sea.

Hear, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, these our petitions; and answer them in the multitude of thy tender mercies, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD God of Hosts, Thou art God, even Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou art our God, and we will praise Thee: Thou art our God, and we will exalt Thee.

Thou hast permitted us this day to attend the ordinances of thy house, and to worship Thee in the congregation of thy people, with the voice of joy and praise. And we are now gathered together in the name of thy beloved Son, to offer up our humble thanks for the mercies which we have received. Fulfil, we pray Thee, thy gracious promise. Be now in the midst of us, to hear and to bless us.

We praise Thee for every opportunity which hath been afforded us of becoming wise unto salvation.

We bless Thee for casting our lot in a land where the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

We glorify thy name for nourishing us, and bringing us up in a Church which is built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner-Stone.

We heartily thank Thee, O heavenly Father, for giving us thy blessed Word, to direct us in the way of life. Let it not be unto us a sealed book, and a dead letter; but open our understandings to understand the Scriptures, that we may believe and obey them to the saving of the soul.

Above all, we praise Thee for the gift of thine only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And we entreat Thee, Almighty God, to grant us perfectly to know Him to be the way, the truth, and the life; that under the guidance of thy Holy Spirit we may steadfastly walk in the path that leadeth unto life eternal.

But while we praise Thee, most gracious Father, for these and all thy other mercies, we acknowledge and confess our own unworthiness, and manifold abuse of them. We humble ourselves before Thee, beseeching Thee, of thy great goodness, not only to accept our praises, but to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances. Pardon the iniquity of our most holy things, and wash us in the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hear us, O Father, for His sake; and though we are unprofitable servants, forsake us not, O God of our salvation. Though we are dull of hearing, and slow of heart to believe, yet mercifully bear with our infirmities, and cast us not away from thy presence. May every return of this holy day be the means of bringing us nearer to Thyself, and of making us more meet for the enjoyment of thy glorious kingdom.

Prosper the labours of thy faithful servants who have this day published the glad tidings of salvation. Give thy blessing to the seed which they have sown, that it may bring forth fruit abundantly.

Grant that those who have waited on Thee may renew their strength, and be prepared to run, with increased earnestness, the race that is set before them. Let grace and peace be multiplied to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine inheritance.

Hear the prayers which have been offered up for all estates of men in thy Holy Church, and answer them in the multitude of thy tender mercies.

Look with pity and compassion on such as have neglected thy ordinances, and profaned this holy day. Turn them from the error of their ways, and give them repentance unto salvation.

We desire now to commend ourselves, and all who are dear unto us, to the protection of thy good Providence. Bless, preserve, and keep us through the night. Mercifully hear the prayers of thy servants; and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

MOST mighty and most merciful God, under the shadow of whose wing we have laid ourselves down in peace, and are risen again in safety, we humbly approach Thee, in the name of thy blessed Son, with our morning offering of prayer and praise.

O Lord our God, who is like unto Thee, that hast thy dwelling so high, and yet humblest Thyself to behold the things that are done, not only in heaven, but on earth; and visitest the sinful children of men with all temporal and spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus?

Praised be thy Name, from the rising up of the sun to the going down of the same.

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with thankfulness for all thy mercies towards us, and especially for the rest of thy holy day. We praise Thee for the word of thy salvation, and for the ordinances of thy house. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant that, as we receive the gift, we may be enabled to minister the same, as good stewards of thy manifold grace.

Cause thy power and thy glory, which we have seen in the sanctuary, to rest upon us

throughout the week. Help us to show, by our life and conversation, that we are not trusting to a form of godliness, and denying the power thereof. Having a name to live, let us not be dead before Thee. Make us real members of thy Church, children of adoption by faith in Christ Jesus, and heirs according to the promise of eternal life.

We look up unto Thee this morning for thy saving health. We feel and confess our own weakness. We know that the way of man is not in himself; that it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Be Thou, therefore, our Keeper, and our Defence upon our right hand. By thy special grace preventing us, put into our minds good desires, and by thy continual help enable us to bring the same to good effect.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Deliver us from the snares and temptations of this evil world.

Incline us diligently to take heed to our ways, that we offend not in our tongue.

Make us honest and faithful in our several callings; and prosper, if it please Thee, the work of our hands. But preserve us from being overcharged with the cares of this life, and save us from a covetous and worldly spirit.

Teach us to set Thee always before us, and to be in thy fear all the day long. Grant that, whatever we do, we may do all to the glory of thy great name, that Thou in all things mayst be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Be Thou, O Lord, our portion and inheritance in the land of the living. Show us thy marvellous loving kindness, Thou that art the Saviour of them that trust in Thee. Show us the path of life; make thy way plain before our face; and bring us, at last, to thy presence, where there is fulness of joy, and to thy right hand, where there are pleasures for evermore.

Save and protect, we earnestly beseech Thee, the Church which Thou hast purchased with thy blood, scattered throughout the world; especially that part of it which Thou hast planted in this land.

Send forth among all its members a more abundant measure of thy grace. Keep them unspotted from the world, and let their conversation in all things be as becometh the gospel of Christ.

Restore to the way of righteousness those who have fallen from their stedfastness. Turn again and quicken them, that they may rejoice in thy salvation.

Have mercy on those who as yet know not the day of their visitation. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word.

Remember, with thy most gracious favour, our relations and friends, and give unto them, and unto all others, whatever may be profitable for life and godliness.

Accept, we beseech Thee, this our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise, for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD God of our salvation, day and night will we cry unto Thee. Bow down thine ear, and hear us.

We do not presume to draw nigh unto Thee, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies in Christ Jesus. We are not worthy to appear in thy presence, or implore any favour at thy hands. *For though thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, yet have we sinned and rebelled against Thee, O heavenly Father, from our youth*

up even until now. We have broken thy law, despised thy gospel, and cast thy words behind us. But, blessed be thy name, there is forgiveness with Thee, and plenteous redemption in thy beloved Son. In Him Thou art a God of compassion, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and in truth. For his sake, therefore, and for thy name's sake, pardon our iniquity, for it is great. *Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. But in the midst of judgment remember mercy. Look upon Jesus, thy Anointed, and save us from condemnation.* Grant us redemption through his blood, even the remission of sins, according to the riches of thy grace.

Help us, O God, day by day, to examine our hearts and lives, and so to search and try them, that we may know of what manner of spirit we are.

Give unto us an enlightened and tender conscience. Suffer us not to grieve thy Spirit by trifling with sin, and resisting his gracious guidance; lest we provoke Thee to leave us to ourselves, and to swear in thy wrath that we shall never enter into thy rest. But grant, we beseech thee, O merciful Lord, from whom all

good things do come, that, by thy holy inspiration, we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our humble and hearty thanks for all thy blessings towards us. How great is the sum of them! If we should count them, they are more in number than the sand. We praise Thee for thy goodness, which endureth yet daily. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

Trusting to thy power, thy wisdom, and thy care, we commend ourselves, and those whom we love, to thy heavenly protection. Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of the night.

Hear our prayers also in behalf of all mankind.

In Thee let all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Protect and save the Land in which we dwell, and the Church to which we belong.

Bless the Rulers whom thy good providence hath set over us, especially our most gracious Sovereign Lady the Queen.

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills

of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded.

Look upon those who are lying on the bed of affliction, and make Thou all their bed in their sickness.

Arise, O Lord God, lift up thy hand; forget not the poor.

May it please Thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed.

May it please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Graciously hear us, O Christ: graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Hear us, O Thou Spirit of the Father and of the Son.

Hear us, O most Blessed and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons and one God, this night and for evermore. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, whose mercies are renewed to us day by day, we will give thanks unto Thee every morning.

What shall we render unto Thee for all the benefits which Thou hast done unto us? Thine we are, and Thee we ought to serve; and to love Thee with all our heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, is our reasonable service and bounden duty.

We humbly desire to offer up the sacrifice of praise continually in the name of that blessed Saviour, through whom alone Thou permittest us to approach Thee, even with the voice of thanksgiving.

Dispose us, O Lord, daily to think on thy condescension and grace, in regarding us Thy unworthy servants, and in continuing to bless the unthankful and the evil. *Teach us to know and to feel our sinfulness in thy sight, that we may be filled with a due sense of all thy mercies. We have sinned with our fathers: we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.* O Lord, we beseech Thee, absolve us from our offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may be delivered

from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed, and may bring forth the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ to thy praise and glory.

As Thou hast given Him to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life, give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life.

Our eyes look unto Thee, from whom cometh our help. May we enter upon the various duties of this day, with the spirit of those whom thy mercy hath spared, and thy grace hath quickened to newness of life. Deliver us from spiritual sloth and negligence. Make us active in the discharge of every duty. Help us to press forward in the way of life, and so to run, that we may obtain the prize of our high calling.

Incline and enable us to abound in those good works which Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; to wait all the days of our appointed time till our change come; and by patient continuance in well-doing, to seek for glory, and honour, and immortality; that so by thy mercy we may in the end obtain eternal life.

Grant also, we pray thee, O Lord, that all

who are called Christians may adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour.

Bless thy whole Church, and order all things for its increase and prosperity. Sanctify and cleanse it, that it may be a glorious Church, holy and without blemish before Thee.

Pour down thy blessing on the neighbourhood in which we dwell. Grant that all who profess thy holy name may truly and faithfully serve Thee.

Finally, we pray Thee to regard with thy favour this family. Look down upon us in mercy. Refresh us abundantly with the dew of thy blessing. *May we be followers of Thee, as dear children; walking in love, as Christ also loved us, and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice unto Thee for a sweet-smelling savour.*

These prayers, for ourselves and others, we humbly offer up at thy throne of grace, in the name, and through the mediation, of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, we beseech Thee incline our hearts to close this day with hearty thanksgiving and fervent prayer.

Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; and so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another. Thy merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us. Thou loadest us daily with thy benefits, and givest us richly all things to enjoy.

We praise Thee for continuing to us our life with all its comforts; for blessing us with health, peace, and happiness. *Help us to see thy hand, and to own thy providence, in all our concerns; and with due thankfulness of heart to trace up every stream of earthly comfort to the fountain of eternal love.*

But chiefly we praise Thee for Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, through whom these and all other blessings are granted unto us. Thou didst deliver Him up for us all, that with Him also Thou mightest freely give us all things. *As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are thy ways higher than our ways, and thy thoughts*

than our thoughts. O Lord, our God, who is like unto Thee, that pardonest iniquity, and passest by the transgression of thine heritage; that retainest not thine anger for ever, because Thou delightest in mercy?

Mercifully grant, for Jesus Christ's sake, that all we may be made partakers of his great salvation. Justify us freely through the redemption that is in Him; and though our iniquities have abounded, let thy grace abound much more.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation, good Lord, deliver us.

Grant that Christ may be formed in our hearts, the hope of glory; and that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure. Show unto us all things in our hearts and lives which are displeasing in thy sight. Make us holy in thought, word, and deed, abhorring that which is evil, and cleaving to that which is good.

May we be daily established in grace, and find the joy of the Lord to be our strength. And as in old time Thou didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, so may we, by the same Spirit, have

a right judgment in all things, and evermore rejoice in his holy comfort.

May thy good Providence vouchsafe unto us rest and protection this night. *Thou, Lord, art our Refuge, our Fortress, and our merciful God, in whom we do trust. May we abide safely under thy Almighty Shadow. Let thy truth and faithfulness be our shield and buckler.* May no evil befall us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling.

And grant, we pray Thee, Almighty Father, that thy goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life; and that Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

With these prayers for ourselves, we offer up our earnest intercessions for our friends, relations, and neighbours, and for all our fellow-men.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church: that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who pro-

fess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

We glorify thy Name, that through Him Thou hast opened a way of access to Thyself,

and hast set Him forth as a propitiation through faith in his blood, that all who believe may be justified from all things.

We flee for refuge to lay hold of this hope set before us. Our iniquities are indeed gone over our heads; as a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us to bear.

But, O Lord, we beseech Thee, cease from thine anger. Be not wroth very sore, neither remember our iniquity for ever. Look not, for satisfaction, unto us, who have so grievously sinned against Thee, and have no help in ourselves; but look unto thy beloved Son, whom, of thy tender mercy, Thou didst give to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world.

Remember thy own most gracious declaration, that Thou hast no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, but wouldest rather that he turn from his evil ways, and live. Remember that exceeding great and precious promise, that whosoever believeth in thy beloved Son shall be saved.

Behold, we come unto Thee in his Name. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare us, for thy name's sake, nor cause thy truth and faith-

fulness to fail; and grant that we, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with thy mighty power: and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy laws.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Bless us in all the relations of life.

Graciously behold this family. Unite our hearts to fear thy name. Make us all of one mind, the mind which was in Christ Jesus. Teach us to love one another with a pure heart fervently; to bear each other's burdens; and so to fulfil the law of Christ.

Give us grace to be faithful in our several occupations, and to do our duty in that state of life unto which it hath pleased Thee to call us.

Make us honest in all our concerns. Deliver

us from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue, and let integrity and uprightness preserve us. Hold Thou up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not.

Bless us in our social connections and employments. Let our chief companions and friends be such as fear Thee. Let all our delight be in the saints that are in the earth, and in such as excel in virtue.

Enable us to walk wisely towards them that are thine enemies, and to give them no occasion to blaspheme.

Let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

We humbly pray Thee to pour down these blessings upon all men, especially on our fellow-Christians, and on those who are dear to us. Give unto them whatever thy infinite wisdom knoweth to be necessary or profitable, both for their temporal and eternal welfare.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, O Father of mercies, in these our supplications for them, and for ourselves; and accept our hearty thanks for all thy goodness towards us, especially for the protection and refreshment of the past night.

Mercifully spare us to meet together in the

evening, to renew our prayers and praises in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the worlds were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end.

Upon Thy mercy-seat in the heavens Thou waitest to be gracious; and we, thy sinful creatures, draw nigh unto Thee, as unto a God in Christ, reconciling the world unto Thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them,

We trust, O Lord, to the word of thy promise, that, though we have sinned, we have an Advocate with Thee, Jesus Christ the Righteous, who is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We pray thee to create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness. Satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon, that we may rejoice and be glad in Thee all our days.

Grant us, according to the riches of thy glory, to be strengthened with might, by thy Spirit, in the inner man. Let Christ dwell in our hearts by faith; that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of Thee our God.

Thou hast brought and defended us, O heavenly Father, through the dangers of another day, and hast blessed us in our going out and coming in.

But we beseech Thee, O God of the spirits of all flesh, in whom alone we live, and move, and have our being, keep us continually mindful that in the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O

Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from Thee.

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers for all mankind.

Put the ungodly in fear, that they may know themselves to be but men. Give them grace to think on their ways, and to turn their feet unto thy testimonies.

Let all those who trust in Thee rejoice, because their redemption draweth nigh.

Be gracious unto such as, in this transitory world, are suffering either for their sins or for righteousness' sake; and sanctify their sufferings to the good of their souls.

Finally, we pray Thee, Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons, to look with compassion on all whom the sorrows of death are encompassing about. We commend their souls into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour, humbly beseeching Thee that they may be precious in

thy sight. Wash them in the blood of that spotless Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world, that they may be presented pure and without spot before Thee.

And teach us who survive, in every daily spectacle of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Grant that neither the splendour of anything that is great, nor the conceit of anything that is good in us, may withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes; but that we may press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, in faith and patience, humility and meekness, mortification and self-denial, charity and constant perseverance unto the end.

Grant this for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake: to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting Lord, the faithful and the true God, who keepest thy covenant for ever, we bless and praise Thee for thine unchangeableness and truth.

Thou didst graciously admit us, by baptism, into thy holy Church, and we have frequently renewed, in thy presence, the solemn vow and promise which was made in our name.

But, O God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our vows, and unmindful of that covenant which Thou, for thy part, wilt most surely keep and perform. We have deserved to forfeit, by our manifold sins, all its great and glorious privileges.

But Thou, Lord, art good, ready to forgive, plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Thee in the name of thy beloved Son.

Have mercy upon us, Almighty Father; and, though we are unworthy to be numbered with thy children, yet, for the worthiness of thy Son, we pray Thee, heal our backslidings, forgive us freely, and let thy righteous anger be turned away.

Enable us, in thy strength, to cleave stedfastly to thy covenant for the time to come. May we follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and be made like unto Him; that, as He died, and rose again for us, so may we, who are baptized, die to sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

Thou knowest, Lord, how many there are who rise up against us. We wrestle not only against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. To whom should we flee for help, but unto Thee, O Thou Captain of our salvation, who hast triumphed over them openly? There is none other that fighteth for us but only Thou, O God. We beseech Thee, therefore, Almighty Lord, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do, mercifully to grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity.

Grant that the old Adam may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in us. Grant that all carnal affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. Grant that we may

have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. Grant that we may be endued with all heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end.

Hear our prayers, O Lord of Hosts, for all mankind, more especially for the whole state of Christ's Church, militant here on earth.

Bless all who have been baptized into the same faith, and are engaged in the same spiritual contest with ourselves. Enable them to war a good warfare, to fight manfully the fight of faith, and to endure hardness, as good soldiers of Christ Jesus. *Clothe them with thy whole armour, O God. Gird them with strength unto the battle, and let all their enemies flee before them. Keep them as the apple of thine eye; hide them under the shadow of thy wings from the ungodly that trouble them, and from all those that compass them round about to take away their souls.*

May it please Thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under their feet.

Grant these our requests, O merciful Father, for the honour of our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

GREAT and Glorious Lord God, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last, who wast, and art, and art to come, the Almighty, who shall not fear Thee, and glorify thy name?

O Lord our God, Thou art the great and dreadful God, against whose divine Majesty all our sins have been committed. Against Thee only have we sinned all our days, by offences innumerable and without excuse.

By evil thoughts and idle words, leaving undone those things which we ought to have done, and doing those things which we ought not to have done, we have failed continually in our duty to Thee and to our neighbours.

But to whom should we go but unto Thee, who alone givest medicine to heal our sickness? Mercifully with thy favour look upon us, for the worthiness of thy Only-begotten Son Jesus Christ. Speak the word only, and thy servants

shall be healed. From all our sinfulness, and from all our pollutions, do Thou cleanse us in his most precious blood. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Grant that the law of the spirit of life in Jesus Christ may make us free from the law of sin and death; and deliver us from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of thy children.

Have mercy, O Lord, on all who partake of our sins and infirmities.

Support and comfort those who see and lament the evil of their hearts and lives, who feel the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, and cannot do the things that they would. Be not Thou far from them, O Lord. Thou art their succour; haste Thee to help them. Enable them to crucify the old man, and to bring into subjection the whole body of sin, and finally give unto them the victory through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Show unto them that be in error the light of thy truth.

Bring all nations to the obedience of faith.

Be gracious to thy people Israel, and turn away the captivity of Jacob.

Let the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in.

Have compassion on this sinful land.

So rule the heart of thy chosen Servant Victoria, our Queen and Governor, that she, knowing whose minister she is, may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we, and all her subjects, duly considering whose authority she hath, may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in Thee and for Thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our thanks for the blessings which we have already received. Day by day we will magnify Thee, and every night proclaim thy faithfulness and truth.

To Thee, and to the multitude of thy tender compassions, we commend ourselves, and all for whom we have prayed.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, hear us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. *Our Father, &c. Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

O THOU God of the families of Israel, and the hope of all the ends of the earth, behold with compassion thy weak and sinful creatures, waiting for thy blessing at the throne of grace.

Hear us, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is great. Turn Thee unto us, in the multitude of thy tender mercies, and draw nigh unto the souls which Thou hast redeemed.

We do not present our supplications for our righteousness, for we have sinned against Thee, and done evil in thy sight. But we bow the knee before Thee in the name of Him whom Thou hast made the Lord our righteousness; and through Him we pray Thee to show us thy mercy, and to grant us thy salvation. Forgive our innumerable transgressions for his sake. Remember us with the favour which Thou bearest unto thy people, and visit us with thy salvation; that we may see the good of thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

May we go forth to the discharge of our several duties with thy love shed abroad in our

hearts by the Holy Ghost. Enable us to feel its constraining influence in all our ways, and daily to show forth thy praises, who callest us out of darkness into marvellous light.

Teach us faithfully to improve our various talents, and continually to occupy with them till Thou come.

Preserve us from being led away with the error of the wicked. Keep us, that we fall not from our steadfastness, nor make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience. May we be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and in every temptation hold fast our integrity.

Dispose us, day by day, to give all diligence to add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. Grant that these and all other heavenly dispositions may be in us and abound; that so we may be neither idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bless us in that state of life in which thy good providence hath placed us.

We are troubled, O Lord, about many things, and disquiet ourselves in vain. Give us faith to cast all our care upon Thee, who carest for

us; believing that Thou, who hast not spared thy only Son, but hast delivered Him up for us all, wilt with Him also freely give us all things.

Prepare us for the changes of this mortal life, and lead us in every visitation to see thy hand and to submit to thy will.

Teach us in whatever state we are therewith to be content. May we know how to be abased, and how to abound; everywhere and in all things do Thou instruct us both to be full, and to be hungry; both to abound, and to suffer need; and in all the ways of thy good providence to laud and magnify thy holy name.

Have pity, O God of mercy, on the whole world. Extend thy compassions on every side. Bring nigh unto Thee, by the blood of the cross, those who are now far off.

Regard all sorts and conditions of men.

Preserve those who are rich in this world's goods, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in Thee the living God.

Grant that the poor of this world may be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee.

Save and defend all the faithful in Christ Jesus. Holy Father, keep through thine own Name those whom Thou hast given Him; that

they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Him, and He in Thee.

Comfort the afflicted; succour the tempted; strengthen the weak; instruct the ignorant; and reclaim the wandering.

Finally, we beseech Thee to give unto our dear friends, and to all others for whom we wish more especially to pray, that godliness which is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

These mercies, for ourselves, and for all mankind, we humbly beg in the name, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

O THOU Shepherd of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, mercifully regard us who are now assembled together to commit ourselves to thy care and keeping through this night.

The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but

the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.

We acknowledge ourselves unworthy of thy protection. All we like sheep have gone astray, and have turned every one to his own way. But we flee unto Thee, Thou good Shepherd, who hast given thy life for us.

Surely Thou hast borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. Thou wast wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, and the Lord hath laid upon Thee the iniquity of us all. We beseech Thee to have mercy upon us, and incline us to return unto Thee, the Shepherd and the Bishop of our souls.

We look up unto Thee for guidance, preservation, and strength. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy truth's sake. Keep us in the way in which we should go, and guide us with thine eye. Give unto us eternal life, and let us never perish; neither let any one pluck us out of thy hand.

Be Thou, Lord, our Shepherd, and we shall want nothing. Let thy loving-kindness and mercy follow us all the days of our life. When we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, be Thou still with us. Let thy rod and staff comfort and support us. And graciously

receive us at the last into thy heavenly fold, there, with thy people and the sheep of thy pasture, to give Thee thanks for ever.

Guide and protect thy flock, scattered abroad through the wilderness of this world. Mercifully guard them from those who lie in wait to deceive. Keep them by thy mighty power, and let nothing separate them from thy everlasting love.

O Thou, who didst come to seek and to save that which was lost, look with pity upon those who are still as sheep going astray, especially on the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Bring them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites.

Give wisdom and faithfulness unto those who are appointed to watch over thy fold. *Raise up pastors according to thy heart, who shall seek that which is lost, and bring again that which is driven away, and bind up that which is broken, and strengthen that which is weak.* May they take heed to themselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He purchased with his blood; that when Thou, the Chief Shepherd, shalt appear, they may receive

at thy hands a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

We bless Thee, O Lord, for the peace and protection which Thou affordest us in this favoured land. Let not our wanderings provoke Thee to withdraw thy loving-kindness from us.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, in these our prayers and praises, for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, by whose kind providence the darkness of night is turned to the light of day, look down upon us thy humble servants, who are assembled together to praise Thee for thy goodness, and to implore the continuance of thy fatherly protection.

Surely we are bound to love and serve Thee ever more and more. Thy daily mercies are daily calls to thankfulness and obedience.

We bless Thee for thy patience and forbearance in bringing us, notwithstanding our sins and ingratitude, to the beginning of another day.

We come before Thee in the name of Jesus, the Friend of sinners, and our Advocate with Thee. Through Him we have received all our good things; and through Him we beseech Thee to continue them to us, unworthy as we are of the least of them. For his sake, O Lord, hear and answer, look down and save.

And, for his sake also, bestow upon us not only the bounties of thy providence, but the richer blessings of thy grace. Preserve not only our frail bodies from day to day, but, above all, have compassion on our guilty souls, and cheer us with the light of thy countenance.

Grant unto us, we besecch Thee, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind.

Enable us to go forth, in thy strength, to the duties of our callings. Put thy fear within us, that we may be kept from offending Thee. Give unto us the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Make us Israelites indeed, in whom is no guile. Keep us out of the way of temptation, or support us in the time of trial. Help us to look well to our ways, and to watch over our hearts with holy jealousy. May we be utterly purposed that our mouths shall not offend.

Keep us ever mindful of that day when the throne shall be set and the books shall be opened, and every one of us shall give account of himself to Thee. And grant, O Thou Judge of men, that in all our thoughts, words, and works, we may so learn to judge ourselves, that we be not judged of Thee, in that great and terrible day.

Look down, O God of mercy, upon all mankind, and prepare them to stand before the Son of man.

We pray for all to whom Thou hast committed a dispensation of thy Gospel, and the message of reconciliation. O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before Thee, grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight.

We pray for our Queen and our countrymen, particularly for our neighbours, friends, and relatives. Grant unto them such a measure of thy grace, that they, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious

promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name, mercifully to incline thine ear unto us, who have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who, by thy power and goodness, hast preserved us to the evening of this day, accept our thanks for all the blessings of the same. Humble us before Thee for all our sins, and favourably receive thy unworthy servants for the sake of Jesus Christ.

We confess, O Lord, that we have not given unto Thee that tribute of gratitude and love which is most justly due unto thy name.

We have ill requited Thee for all thy goodness, as a foolish people and unwise, and have not rendered back unto Thee according to the benefits which Thou hast done unto us. Though Thou art our Father, who hast made us, and bought us, and established us, and blessed us all our days, yet have we not regarded the wonders which thy hand hath wrought, neither have we kept thy great goodness in remembrance.

We have sinned against Thee, and have gone on frowardly in the way of our own hearts. But Thou art long-suffering, and of great pity, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin. Pardon us, therefore, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies. Have regard unto Him who knew no sin, and was made a sin-offering for us, that we might be made thy righteousness in Him. Hear us, we pray Thee, for his sake, and for the glory of thy name.

Another week of our life is closing. Lord, make us to know our end, and the measure of our days, that we may know how frail we are.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life, in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him, shall not die eternally; we

meekly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the sin of death unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Thee, and that at the general resurrection in the last day we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee; saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way.

Keep it, we beseech Thee, continually in thy true religion, that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power.

Send down thy blessing on the ministers of thy Gospel. May those who are appointed to teach others be themselves taught of Thee. Qualify them, in all things, for the work to which thou hast called them; that they may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers, and to promote the edification of thy people.

We pray Thee especially to be gracious unto the Parish in which we live; to the Church of which we are members; to thy *servant* who *ministereth* unto us in holy things; and to all our beloved friends and neighbours. Keep them and us, by thy mighty power, through the hours of darkness, and fit us for the sacred employments of thy holy day.

And when, at the last, it shall please Thee to gather us to our fathers, raise up others in our room who shall serve Thee better than ourselves; that from generation to generation thy name may be glorified on the earth, till days and weeks shall be no more for ever.

These things we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, who with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Second Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY LORD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, we adore Thee as the God of our Life.

We bless thy name for preserving us to see another day of sacred rest. We rejoice in the return of this holy day, on which the Sun of righteousness hath risen with healing in his wings, to give light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, let this light shine into our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Enlighten our understandings, that we may know what is the hope of our calling, and what the riches of the glory of thine inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of thy power to those who believe.

We look up unto Thee, O Lord, from whom all good things do come, for thy blessing on this day. Grant that it may be a season of refreshing from thy presence, a day of visitation and mercy to our souls. Deliver us from all worldly cares, and fill us with all holy desires and meditations, that we may sanctify Thee, the Lord God, in our hearts.

Go with us to the courts of thy sanctuary, and make us joyful in thy house of prayer. Prepare our minds for the good word of thy grace. Dispose us to receive it with meekness, not as the word of man, but, as it is in truth, thy engrafted word, which is able to save our souls. Help us to pray with the spirit, and with the understanding also. *Let us not draw nigh unto Thee with our mouths, and honour Thee with our lips, while our hearts are far from Thee; but make us thy true and faithful worshippers, who worship Thee in spirit and in truth; such as Thou seekest to glorify Thee on earth, and such as Thou wilt mercifully receive to glorify Thee hereafter, in thy temple above, in thy house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

Let a double portion of thy spirit rest on those whom Thou hast appointed to preach the gospel of thy grace (especially on *him* who *is*

over us in the Lord). *May they study to show themselves approved unto Thee, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, and giving to every one his portion in due season.* Make them wise to win souls; and having turned many unto righteousness, may they shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and ever.

Shed abroad abundantly thy heavenly grace on all congregations of Christians, particularly on that which shall assemble with us in the same house of prayer. Awaken the careless, bind up the broken-hearted, strengthen the weak, and build up all thy servants on their most holy faith.

We pray, also, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the peace of the Church. Grant that there may be no more divisions among us. Teach us to speak the same thing, and to be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment, that it may be seen that Thou art in the midst of us, the Author, not of confusion, but of peace.

Grant that every return of this hallowed day may be the means of furthering thy glory, and the everlasting salvation of the souls of men.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, of thy great

goodness, to give heed unto these our prayers for ourselves and others, and hide not Thyself from our supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Creator and Preserver, look down, we beseech Thee, on the work of thy hands, and regard with compassion thy unworthy servants, whom thy mercy hath brought in safety to the evening of this sacred day.

We appear in the presence of thy glorious Majesty, desiring to renew the tribute of prayer and thanksgiving, which Thou hast permitted us to offer in thy holy temple, among the congregation of thy people.

Be Thou now in the midst of us, as in the assembly of thy saints, hearing us and answering us, in thy tender mercies, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

We humble ourselves before Thee with shame and sorrow, for the many offences which we have most grievously committed against Thee.

Remember them not, we beseech Thee, O Lord, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Especially we entreat thy fatherly forgiveness of all which Thou hast seen amiss in us this day. Pardon us, O Lord, that we have not worshipped Thee, served Thee, or obeyed Thee, as we ought to do. Pardon the wanderings of our minds, the coldness of our hearts, and the unprofitableness of our services.

And grant, we beseech Thee, that our sins, negligences, and ignorances, may not withhold good things from us, nor cause the purposes of thy mercy towards us to fail.

Suffer not this holy day to pass away without awakening in us more earnest desires after heavenly things.

May the words which we have this day heard with our outward ears, through thy grace, be so inwardly ingrafted in all our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name.

Keep us this night by thy power and goodness. Let the Angel of the Covenant watch

over us, and protect us from all danger. Give unto us peaceful and refreshing sleep, and grant that we may awake in the morning, strengthened both in body and soul for the duties of the week.

Let our prayers also come up before Thee in behalf of all mankind.

O merciful God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, have mercy on all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics: take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Regard with thy favour and protection every Church which Thou hast planted in the earth, especially that which is established in this kingdom. *Return, we beseech Thee, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, behold and visit this vine, and the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch which Thou hast made so strong for thyself.*

And give us grace, we earnestly beseech

Thee, O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, with all sorrow of heart to lament our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord. *And as there is but one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee on earth; and at length, through thy mercy, join in one eternal song of praise and thanksgiving, with the blessed company of saints and angels that are continually before thy throne.*

Finally, we beseech Thee to accept our praises for the manifold mercies which we have received from Thee this day: and grant these requests for ourselves, and for all whom Thou hast taught us to love as ourselves, for the honour and praise of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee, accept our hearty thanksgivings for the blessings of the past night.

Thou art the God of our life: day by day will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and look up. Hear us, we beseech Thee, in the multitude of thy mercies, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that the hallowed influence of thy day of rest may be upon us through the week. Give us grace to engage in the cares and business of life with fear and trembling, knowing the deceitfulness of sin, and the weakness of our mortal nature. Keep us from the evil that is in the world. *Give us that faith which will enable us to overcome its temptations, to renounce its pomps and vanities, to withstand its allurements, and to disregard its frowns.* And grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit. Grant, that having been received into the congregation of Christ's flock, and professing our-

selves his disciples, we may not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end.

Make us of good understanding in the ways of godliness. Subdue the rebellion of our evil hearts. Preserve us from pride and envy, from hatred and malice, from murmurings and disputings, from covetousness and dishonesty, from selfishness and idleness, from unchristian tempers and impure desires, and from all hurtful lusts that war against the soul.

Pardon and correct whatever is sinful in us; strengthen what is weak; confirm what is wavering; supply what is wanting; and make us thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life.

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, the means of grace to all those who met together in thy house upon thy holy day. Water the seed

which was sown with the dew of thy blessing; that being received into an honest and good heart, it may bring forth fruit abundantly.

Preserve all who are dear to us from being overcharged with the cares of this life. Make them strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus, and let them shine as lights in the world.

Pity and convert those who profess to know Thee, but in works deny Thee; and give them grace to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called.

Bless all whom Thou hast set over the congregations of thy people (especially *him* whom Thou hast set over us). Strengthen their hands, and comfort their hearts. Keep them steadfast in the faith of Christ, and zealous in thy cause: and may they, and we, and all their people, be accepted of Thee at last, through the full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

MOST merciful God and Father, who hast safely preserved us through another day, and loaded us with thy benefits, we gratefully acknowledge thy over-ruling providence, which ordereth all things in heaven and earth; *which appointeth the moon for certain seasons, and the sun to know his going down.*

Accept our united and hearty thanks for still holding our souls in life, and for turning away from us this day all those evils which we most righteously have deserved. We confess that we are unworthy, through our manifold transgressions, of thy fatherly protection in the present life, and of the blessings of the life that is to come.

But, notwithstanding our sins and negligences, we still look up to Thee in the name of that Mediator through whose all-prevailing merits we may yet have boldness to come into thy presence, and to ask for everything that is necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Now, therefore, O Lord our God, hearken to the prayers of thy humble servants. Mercifully regard us, while we draw nigh by that new and

living way which is consecrated for us through his blood, not presenting ourselves before Thee for our righteousness, but for thy manifold and great mercies in Christ Jesus.

Enter not into judgment with thy servants, and call us not to account for the many privileges of thy holy day. We know that we have not shown forth the power of thy grace this day as we ought to have done. Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy upon us, according to thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from all our sin.

Pardon our want of love to Thee, and our undue love of this present world. Truly our souls cleave to the dust. Quicken Thou us, O Lord, according to thy word; and let the love of Thee alone rule and direct our hearts.

Forgive, also, our many offences against our neighbours; and help us in future to do unto others as we would they should do unto us.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings, without charity, are nothing worth, send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues; without

which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee.

Blot out the offences which we daily commit against Thee and against each other, as members of the same household. Grant that we may dwell together as brethren, and as heirs together of the grace of life.

Enable us to watch over our hearts, that we be not easily provoked. Remove wickedness utterly out of our dwelling, and from among us. Give us grace to come before Thee with clean hands and a pure heart; and let no secret or open sins prevent our prayers from being accepted by Thee.

And now, O Lord, before we lie down, and take our rest, suffer us to commend not only ourselves, but all others to thy mercies in Christ Jesus.

Look in compassion on this fallen world. Turn sinners from the error of their ways.

Look, also, upon thy church and people. Pardon and heal our many divisions; and teach Christians to love one another, even as they are loved of Thee.

Comfort all who mourn, especially those who mourn for sin. Give unto them everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace.

Pour down abundantly thy blessing on those among whom we dwell, and on all who are dear to us. Take us and them under thy fatherly protection; and bless and keep us, this night and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who causest the light to shine out of darkness, and renewest the face of the earth which Thou hast made for man, the heavens declare thy glory, and the firmament showeth thy handy-work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night teacheth the knowledge of thy power, thy wisdom, and thy love.

Thou, O Lord, art gracious: thy mercy is everlasting, and thy truth endureth from generation to generation. We worship, and fall down, and kneel before Thee; for Thou art the Lord our God, and we are the people of thy pasture, and the sheep of thy hand. Hear us, while we come into thy presence with thanksgiving, and with the voice of supplication, for

we come in the name of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

We praise Thee, O Father Almighty, for the many and undeserved comforts which Thou hast provided for us in this mortal life.

But chiefly we laud and magnify thy name for the prospect of that better world which Thou hast revealed to us, where the sun doth not shine for a light by day, nor the moon and stars for a light by night, but Thou thyself art the light thereof, and the glory of the Lamb doth shine upon it.

Prepare us, O Lord, for that world of honour and immortality, wherein dwelleth righteousness, and into which nothing can in anywise enter that defileth.

Create in us those heavenly desires and dispositions which will fit us for the society and enjoyments of thy holy angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect.

Put away from us all anger, wrath, malice, pride, envy, uncleanness, inordinate affection, and covetousness. Clothe us with meekness, gentleness, humility, charity, kindness, purity. As Thou who hast called us art holy, so may we be holy in all manner of conversation and godliness.

We look up unto Thee this morning for thy pardoning mercy and thy sanctifying grace. As Thou hast raised our bodies from sleep, so raise our souls from their spiritual slumbers. Stir us up more earnestly to seek thy kingdom and righteousness, and quicken us daily in the way of thy commandments.

Let not the pomps and vanities of this world draw us aside, and beguile us into lukewarmness of spirit. But make us sober and vigilant against all the enemies of our salvation, especially against our adversary the devil. Enable us to resist him steadfast in the faith, and not suffer him to get advantage over us.

Grant that we, being very members incorporate with the mystical body of Christ, which is the blessed company of all faithful people, may be made heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us by thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; till, at length, we are joined to the general assembly of the faithful, and behold thy face in righteousness.

Bestow these blessings, we humbly beseech Thee, on all mankind.

Teach thy ways unto the wicked, and let them know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Bless thy faithful people, and make them daily more meet for the inheritance of the saints in light.

Remember those who are in any kind of trouble. Make them thereby partakers of thy holiness, and comfort their hearts with the sure and certain hope of that blessed world, in which thou wilt wipe away all tears from their eyes, where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.

Fulfil, O Lord, these our petitions, for the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

O GOD, who art nigh unto such as call upon Thee, we beseech Thee favourably to receive the prayers of thy humble servants;

that we, who justly deserve to be punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name. Look down upon us, O Lord, in thy wonted compassion; not in thy anger, lest Thou bring us to nothing.

We trust to thy promises made to us in the Gospel of thy beloved Son. We depend only on the loving-kindness of God our Saviour. *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to thy mercy, do we hope to be saved, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, which we pray Thee to shed upon us abundantly through Jesus Christ.* Grant that, being justified by his grace, we may be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

And, as Thou hast appointed us to obtain salvation through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience, grant that our hearts may become temples of the Holy Ghost, and let us not defile them by having pleasure in unrighteousness.

Teach us, day by day, to search and examine our consciences, and that, not lightly, and after the manner of dissemblers with Thee; yea, do Thou, O Lord, who searchest the heart, and

triest the reins of the children of men, so prove and try us, that we may see whether there be any way of wickedness in us, and may be led in the way everlasting.

We confess that we turn aside continually from the path of righteousness. We are wavering and unstable in all our ways, and our own strength is but weakness. Support us with thy everlasting arms, that in thy strength we may be strong: and forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, let thy Holy Spirit in all things direct and rule our hearts.

Receive, O Lord, the tribute of our thanks for the many and great mercies, which Thou hast poured out upon us, especially for bringing life and immortality to light by the Gospel. We desire, above all things, to give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble Himself, even to the death of the cross, for us miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, that He might make us the children of God, and exalt us unto everlasting life. May we always remember the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the

innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding He hath obtained to us. And may we give unto Thee, as we are most bounden, continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to thy holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve Thee, in true holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life.

Graciously hear us in behalf of those for whom Thou hast commanded us to pray.

Let thy blessing rest upon thy people whom Thou hast set apart for Thyself.

Look down especially on those who are reproached for righteousness' sake. Save them from those that persecute them, and deliver them. Hide them privily by thine own presence from the provoking of all men: keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues. And let the lying lips be put to silence, which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully speak against the righteous.

Remember thy mercy and truth towards the house of Israel, and let all the ends of the world see the salvation of their God.

Regard with compassion our own land, and let not our many offences provoke Thee to depart from us.

Most heartily we beseech Thee with thy

favour to behold the Queen whom Thou hast set over us, and all the Royal Family ; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. *Give thy blessing to the great Council of the Nation, now assembled in Parliament.*

Be gracious unto all orders of men, especially to our neighbours, friends, and kindred. Bless them in soul, body, and estate, and give them thy peace all the days of their life. O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us : and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given a hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, this night and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who givest to all men liberally, and upbraidest not, we, thy sinful and helpless creatures, draw nigh unto Thee, humbly relying on thy grace and mercy in Christ Jesus.

Thou hast taught us that, guilty and weak

as we are in ourselves, in Thee, the Lord Jehovah, we may have everlasting righteousness and strength.

We bless Thee for having made a way of salvation for us miserable sinners. We praise Thee for adding to the number of our days, and giving us fresh opportunities of imploring thy fatherly forgiveness. And we beseech Thee to grant that we may not neglect them.

Prepare us for thy coming and kingdom. Suffer us not to waste this life in unprofitableness and vanity; and graciously continue it to us, till the work is finished which Thou hast given us to do.

Take away from us the spirit of slumber, and quicken us to greater diligence and activity. Forasmuch as the night is far spent, and the day is at hand, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and to put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal.

Make us to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our

Lord, and gladly to suffer the loss of all things, that we may win Christ and be found in Him.

O Lord, raise up, we pray Thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord.

Enable us to forget the things that are behind, and to reach forth to those that are before, that so we may press toward the mark, for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

Defend us, O Lord, from day to day, with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until we come unto thy everlasting kingdom. Strengthen us in every conflict with the enemies of our souls, and comfort our hearts with the full assurance of hope that they shall not finally prevail against us. Grant that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, may be able to separate us from thy love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Bless all who are travelling in the way of life. Direct their steps in all things, and make their path as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Establish their hearts unblamable before Thee in holiness till the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of those who are walking in darkness, and have no light. Bring them by a way that they know not, lead them in paths that they have not known; make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.

Quicken in the path of righteousness all such as are turning aside from it, and uphold them by thy free Spirit.

We pray Thee, further, in behalf of those who are going forward in the broad road of destruction. Turn their feet into the narrow way that leadeth to eternal life, and give them grace to continue in the same.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

GREAT and glorious Lord God, whose eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good, help us to worship and serve Thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

Thou art here and everywhere present, and knowest all things. Thou art about our path, and about our bed, and spiest out all our ways; and there is not a word of our mouth, or a thought and intent of our hearts, but Thou, O God, knowest it altogether.

Our secret sins are open unto Thee, the sins of which our own hearts condemn us; and the sins which we know not, but which Thou, who art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things, seest that we have committed against Thee. We cannot justify ourselves, for our transgressions are many and great.

But though we are thus guilty and evil in thy sight, yet, O Lord, we beseech Thee, have mercy upon us. We are sorry and ashamed for all our misdoings, and bewail the sinfulness of our sins.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Saviour, forgive us all that is past. We plead the prevailing name of Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us, that all who believe in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life.

And we pray Thee to keep us from adding to our sins the guilt of neglecting his great salvation. Let us not thus crucify thy beloved Son afresh, and put Him to open shame. But grant that we may trust in his name, and receive him into our hearts by faith. *May we take Him for our Prophet, Priest, and King, hearkening to his instructions, submitting to his righteousness, and obeying his commands.*

As He was manifested to take away our sins, to make us thy children, and heirs of everlasting life, grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that when He shall appear again, with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

O Thou Redeemer of our souls, Thou merciful High Priest of our profession, who art always touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and wast in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin, suffer us not to be tempted

above that we are able; but, in every temptation, make a way for us to escape.

Thou art the Vine, and we are the branches. Thou art the Head, and we are the members: and without Thee we can do nothing. Thou knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that, by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright. Grant us, therefore, such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations.

Defend us, O God our Preserver, through the night season. May we awake in the morning, filled with thankfulness for thy mercies, and with sincere purposes of living to thy glory.

Vouchsafe these and all other spiritual mercies to the whole race of mankind.

Put thy fear in the hearts of those who have no fear of Thee before their eyes.

Keep thy household, the Church, in continual godliness, that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee, in good works, to the glory of thy name.

Bless all Christian families, especially our kindred and friends. Grant that husbands and

wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and may live according to thy will to their lives' end. *O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless them severally, as they stand in need; and grant them, together with us, to inherit thy everlasting kingdom.*

Accept, we beseech Thee, our humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all mankind; and receive these our prayers for the sake and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

O GOD, Thou art our God; early will we seek Thee. The desire of our souls is to Thee, and to the remembrance of thy name.

We draw nigh unto Thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, that true and living way, by which sinners may have access unto Thee. For his sake, hear us, O God of our salvation.

We are encouraged, by thy exceeding great and precious promises, to pour out our hearts before

Thee this morning. The Scripture moveth us to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before thy face, but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by thine infinite goodness and mercy.

We have grievously sinned against Thee, in thought, word, and deed. We bewail the fault and corruption of our nature, whereby we are very far gone from original righteousness, and are inclined to evil continually. We bewail the transgressions of our lives, whereby we have broken thy holy law, and provoked thy wrath and indignation against us. But turn not away thy face from us, we beseech Thee, for thy mercy endureth for ever. We plead the merits and mediation of the Lord Jesus, and implore forgiveness through Him alone. Justify us freely by his blood. Make us partakers of that righteousness which is by faith in Him.

But preserve us, O Lord, from a dead faith. Not only forgive us our sins, but cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Keep it in our hearts to live this day as those who have been redeemed by thy mercy. Turn us from all love of sin, and lead us to follow after righteousness. Make

us more obedient to thy word, more conformed to thy image, and more devoted to thy glory. Make us such as Thou wouldest have us to be, in all holy conversation and godliness, that we may stand perfect and complete in all thy will, O God.

May we love Thee with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength; and faithfully perform our duty to Thee and to our fellow-men. Give us grace to love our neighbours as ourselves, and to do unto all men as we would they should do unto us; to hurt nobody by word or deed; to be true and just in all our dealings; to bear no malice nor hatred in our hearts; to keep our tongues from evil speaking, lying, and slandering; to keep our bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity; not to covet nor desire other men's goods, but to learn and labour truly to get our own living, and to do our duty in that state of life unto which it hath pleased Thee to call us.

And while we are diligently employed in our several stations, deliver us from all sinful anxiety about the affairs of this present life. May we be careful for nothing; but, in every thing, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, make our requests known unto Thee. And may

thy peace, which passeth all understanding, continually keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept our thanks for all the bounties of thy providence and grace. Blessed be thy name for the sleep and refreshment of the past night, for the health Thou givest us, and for all the comforts we enjoy.

But, chiefly, we adore Thee for Jesus Christ, and for the hope of eternal salvation through Him. Thanks be unto Thee for thy unspeakable gift. Unto Thee, who hast done, and art able to do for us, exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, unto Thee be everlasting glory by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

Hear us, O heavenly Father, in these our prayers and thanksgivings, and receive our intercessions for all mankind, especially for all who are called Christians, and for all who are dear to us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

O THOU High and Lofty One, that inhabitest eternity, whose name is holy, who dwellest in the high and holy place, we humble ourselves before thy Glorious Majesty. Thou, even Thou, art greatly to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when Thou art angry? Teach us at all times to tremble at that wrath which thou hast revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.

We indeed justly deserve thy wrath and indignation; and if Thou shouldest deal with us according to our iniquities, we could not stand in thy sight.

But, blessed be thy name for the hope set before us in thy Gospel; for the gift of Him who died for our sins, the just for the unjust, to bring us unto Thee.

Grant that, being justified by his blood, we may be saved from wrath through Him. Give unto us true repentance towards Thee, and living faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ.

We feel that we have no power to turn unto Thee, except through thy grace preventing us.

Turn Thou us, therefore, O Lord, and so shall we be turned. *Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people who turn unto Thee, for Thou art full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath Thou thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thy heritage be brought to confusion.* Hear us, for thy loving-kindness is great; and, after the multitude of thy mercies, look upon us, and blot out our offences.

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, not only from the wrath to come, but also from the evils of this present life. Under the shadow of thy wing may we find shelter, till every calamity be overpast.

Grant, if it be thy will, that the voice of joy and health may be heard in our habitation, and that no plague may come near our dwelling. *Or, shouldest Thou think fit to correct us, may we find that it is good for us to be afflicted, and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused us to be in trouble. For Thou, Lord, art good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and Thou knowest them that trust in Thee.*

Preserve us, this night, from the perils of darkness. Guard us from the assaults of un-

godly men, from the approach of evil spirits, and from the wicked imaginations of our own hearts. Bless us in our lying down, and refresh our bodies with sleep. Bless us in our rising up, and prepare us for the duties of another day.

May it please Thee to grant these and all other blessings unto our fellow-men.

Be merciful unto all the nations of the earth. Make them nations fearing Thee, and working righteousness, and pour down upon them the Spirit of unity and concord.

Especially be gracious unto our own land. O Lord, save the Queen, and bless the Royal Family. [*Bless also the High Court of Parliament, at this time assembled.*]

We beseech Thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it, being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed word, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness, and make thy chosen people joyful.

Preserve the rich and prosperous from forgetting Thee, and make them partakers of thy heavenly treasures. Incline their hearts unto

thy testimonies, and not unto covetousness. In all time of their wealth, good Lord, deliver them.

Have mercy on the poor and afflicted, and be a very present help to them in their distress. In all time of their tribulation, good Lord, deliver them.

Be gracious unto thy dying servants: in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver them.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O merciful Father, for the sake of Him who died for us, and rose again, and liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

O GOD, our Creator, our Preserver, and our Redeemer, our Refuge and Portion in the land of the living, our Light in darkness, our Life in death, hear us, we beseech Thee, while we pour out before Thee the voice of praise and thanksgiving; hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

Thy word formed us out of the dust of the earth, and thy Spirit breathed into our nostrils the breath of life, and we became living souls. Thou, O Lord, art our Father, and we are all the work of thy hand. *We are fearfully and wonderfully made, O God, our Creator.*

In Thee we still live and move and have our being. By Thee we have been holden up ever since we were born. Thou hast protected us during the past night, and hast brought us to meet together this morning in health and peace. *Thou dost graciously uphold us in being, O God, our Preserver.*

But Thou hast done for us greater things than these. Thou hast sent thy only Son into the world to redeem us from sin and everlasting death.

How great is thy goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, which Thou hast prepared for them that trust in Thee! *With thy own arm, Thou hast wrought out salvation for us, O God, our Redeemer.*

Our souls bless Thee, O Lord, and all that is within us doth bless thy holy name.

Our souls bless Thee, O Lord, and forget not all thy benefits; who forgivest all our sins, and healest all our infirmities; who savest our

life from destruction, and crownest us with loving kindness and tender mercies. We will bless Thee at all times. Thy praise shall be ever in our mouths. We will magnify Thee with the voice of thanksgiving, and exalt thy name together.

Help us to glorify Thee this day not only with our lips, but in our lives. Put thy fear within us, that we may not depart from Thee. Make us to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein is our desire. Give us understanding, that we may keep thy law.

Give us wisdom and grace to honour Thee by uprightness and fidelity in all our ways. Preserve us from unchristian tempers and pursuits: from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. May we exercise ourselves to have always a conscience void of offence towards Thee, and towards men.

Teach us not to seek our happiness in the things of this vain world; but do Thou, O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by Thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness.

O God and Father of us, and of all mankind, mercifully regard the whole human race, whom thy hand hath also formed, thy providence preserves, and thy mercy hath redeemed.

Look in compassion upon this united kingdom.

Save and defend our most gracious Sovereign. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray, likewise, for all her counsellors [*more especially for the High Court of Parliament, at this time assembled*]. Direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and her dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled, by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations.

May it please Thee, also, to bless and keep the magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth.

Finally, may it please Thee to bless them that fear Thee, both small and great, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose ears are ever open to the petitions of thy humble servants, and who hast promised that whatsoever we ask of Thee in prayer, believing, we shall receive, mercifully with thy favour look upon us.

How great is thy goodness in permitting us to approach thy throne of grace.

We humble ourselves for our want of reverence and godly fear in drawing nigh unto Thee. We confess and bewail the iniquity that cleaveth to our daily devotions. We are unprofitable servants, and all our services are nothing worth.

But we pray Thee graciously to accept them, through the intercession of thy dear Son, whom thou hast appointed to offer the prayers of thy people. *Grant that our supplications and thanksgivings may be sprinkled with his most precious blood, which cleanseth from all sin, and so may come up as a memorial before Thee, acceptable and well pleasing in thy sight.*

Pour down upon us a more abundant measure of grace and supplication, that we may approach Thee with the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous, which availeth much, and may worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

We confess also, O Lord, the many offences which we daily commit against Thee. But thou knowest them, for they are not hid from Thee. *We are confounded and ashamed to lift up our faces before Thee, for our iniquities are increased over our heads, and our trespass is grown up into the heavens. Remember not against us the offences of our youth, nor our later transgressions, but, according to thy mercy, remember Thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.* We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and ever more serve Thee, in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory.

O Thou, who art no respecter of persons, but freely acceptest all, in every nation, who fear Thee and work righteousness, pitifully behold the nations that have not known Thee, and that

call not upon thy name. Make them thy people who are not thy people, and them beloved which are not beloved.

But, forasmuch as they cannot call on Him in whom they have not believed, we pray Thee, O Thou Lord of the harvest, to send forth labourers into the harvest.

Shed abundantly thy blessing on all efforts for bringing the heathen to the knowledge of the truth. Especially strengthen the hands of those in this land who are labouring to spread abroad the everlasting gospel of thy Son.

Raise up among us able men, full of the Holy Ghost, of faith, and of wisdom, whom Thou mayest appoint as the messengers of the Churches and the glory of Christ. Fill them with tender compassion for the souls of men, and with fervent zeal for thy glory, that, following the example of thy Apostles and Evangelists, and being dead to all earthly things, they may burn with desire to make known among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; not counting their lives dear to them, so that they may finish their course with joy, and the ministry they have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of thy grace.

And grant, O Lord, that thy salvation may run and be glorified, till the sound thereof is

gone into all the earth, and its words unto the ends of the world; till the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in, and all Israel be saved.

These, and all other mercies, we humbly beg for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, whose goodness is everlasting, and whose truth endureth from generation to generation, favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

Thou art willing to be entreated of by those who approach Thee with a lowly and contrite spirit, and wilt fulfil the desires of them that seek Thee.

We bless Thee, O Lord, for commending thy love to us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us; an dwe pray Thee to make us to know and to feel that there is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we may be saved, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dispose us, day by day, to flee unto Him, as

our only refuge. May He be always to us as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

And as, of thy great mercy, Thou didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water, and didst safely lead the children of Israel thy people through the Red Sea, so we beseech Thee, for thine infinite mercies, to look upon us, that we, being delivered from thy wrath, and received into the ark of Christ's Church, and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally we may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with Thee, world without end.

Grant unto us, O Lord, all needful strength for the duties of this day. Out of the fulness which is in Christ Jesus supply every want both of body and of soul. With thy mighty hand and stretched-out arm save and protect us from all evil.

Show us thy ways and teach us thy paths, and may they be to us ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. Take away the carnal mind which is enmity against Thee, and give us the mind which was in Christ Jesus.

Strengthen us, by thy Holy Spirit, to mortify the deeds of the body, and to preserve our mind and conscience undefiled.

Suffer us not to be conformed unto this world, but transform us by the renewing of our minds, that we may know what is thy good, and acceptable, and perfect will.

Preserve us from putting a stumbling-block, or an occasion of falling, in our brother's way. And grant that every one of us may strive to please his neighbour, for his good to edification, even as Christ pleased not Himself; and may learn not to seek our own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

Above all, give us sincerity of heart before Thee. Keep us from all hypocrisy and vain desire to appear righteous before men.

O Thou, who knowest our weakness, and art able to make all grace abound towards us, grant that we, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work; and building up ourselves on our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, and watching thereunto with all perseverance, may be kept continually in thy love, daily looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Let thine eye be upon such as fear Thee and

hope in thy mercy, and to those who order their conversation aright do thou show thy salvation, O God.

Look on them who are in heaviness through manifold temptations. What time they are afraid, let them put their trust in Thee. And may it please Thee, O Lord, who hast Thyself suffered, being tempted, to succour them also that are tempted.

Have mercy, likewise, O heavenly Father, upon those who have hitherto trodden under foot thy beloved Son, and have counted the blood of the covenant wherewith they were sanctified an unholy thing, and are doing despite to the Spirit of grace.

Have compassion, also, on those who have fallen away from their steadfastness, and are sinning wilfully after they have received the knowledge of the truth, and are in danger of being given over to a reprobate mind. Renew them again unto repentance, for with Thee all things are possible. And grant that they may not again crucify thy dear Son, and put Him to open shame; but, remembering from whence they are fallen, may be zealous, and repent, and do their first works, and have hereafter a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name.

Grant these our petitions, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness?

The heavens are not pure in thy sight, and Thou chargest thy angels with folly. How then shall we come into thy presence, who are a seed of evil doers. Our transgressions are multiplied before Thee, and testify against us.

We humble ourselves in thy sight for all our sins, and particularly for those which we have committed during the past week. *We are sorry and ashamed that we have had thy glory so little before our eyes. We have sinned against Thee and against our neighbours. Leaving undone what Thou hast commanded, and doing that which Thou hast forbidden, we have broken thy law, in thought, word, and deed.*

If thou, Lord, wert extreme to mark what we have done amiss, O Lord, who may abide? Lay not, we pray Thee, our sins to our charge,

but wash them away in the fountain which Thou hast opened for sin and for uncleanness.

O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons, and One God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

And while we pray Thee to pardon the sins which we have most grievously committed against thy Divine Majesty, be pleased, O Thou God of Holiness, to give us grace and strength to forsake them. Righteous Father, renew us after thy likeness, in righteousness and true holiness. Make us holy, as Thou art holy, and pure, as Thou art pure. O God, make clean our hearts within us, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

And, seeing that life is short and uncertain, and that every week brings us nearer to the end of all things, enable us to lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set

before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

O Thou, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto us that we may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found.

Keep us, we beseech Thee, this night, under the protection of thy good providence.

Prepare us, both in body and soul, for the duties of thy holy day. Grant that we may rest from the work of our hands, and from all our earthly cares, and worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels, send down upon our bishops and curates, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.

Preserve thy Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and overrule our unhappy divisions to the glory of thy name. As Thou hast knit together thine elect in one

communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come at last to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee.

Remember, with the favour which Thou bearest unto thy people, our friends and relatives.

Give, we beseech Thee, unto them and to all men those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Favourably regard us, O heavenly Father, and answer us, we beseech Thee, in these and all our prayers, pardoning what hath been sinful in us, receiving the glory of all that hath been pleasing in thy sight, and graciously accepting us, and our imperfect service, at the hands of Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Third Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

MOST blessed and glorious God, the Lord of hosts, great in counsel and wonderful in operation, plenteous in goodness and abundant in mercy, how excellent is thy name throughout all the world! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. *Yea, Thou hast set up Thyself above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth, and Thou art exalted far above all blessing and praise.*

But though we cannot glorify Thee as we ought, nor praise Thee as thy holy angels, or as the spirits of just men made perfect before thy throne, yet Thou art pleased to receive the services of thy unworthy creatures, and graciously declarest that whoso offereth Thee praise, he glorifieth Thee. We therefore desire to exalt and laud thy name, according to the ability wherewith Thou hast blessed us, and to pour out before Thee, this morning, the voice of joy and thanksgiving.

Glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, that the day-spring from on high hath visited us, and that the light of this holy morning hath dawned once more upon us. This is the day which Thou hast made; we rejoice and are glad in it.

How many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which we see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which we hear, and have not heard them.

Forgive, we beseech Thee, our past abuse of thy mercies, and teach us, in future, more diligently to profit by them.

Grant, O Lord our God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do come, that we may have grace whereby we may serve Thee acceptably this day, and may worship and obey Thee as we ought to do. Give unto us that preparation of heart which cometh from Thee, and without which all our services will be nothing worth.

May we love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy honour dwelleth; to go into thy gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise; to give thanks unto Thee, and speak good of thy name.

Sow in our hearts the seed of eternal life,

that whatsoever in thy holy word we shall profitably learn, we may in deed fulfil the same.

Help us to examine our hearts, to consider our ways, to search thy Scriptures, to meditate on thy love, to talk of all thy wondrous works, to seek thy face, and to prepare ourselves for thy kingdom.

We pray Thee, also, to pour down upon all who are called Christians the abundance of thy mercy.

Bless, especially, such as shall assemble with us in the courts of thy sanctuary. May it please Thee to give unto them increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

And, since Thou hast promised to be with thy ministering servants alway, even unto the end of the world, we beseech Thee plenteously to endue with heavenly gifts such as shall stand up in thy name this day [*particularly him who is appointed to declare thy counsel unto us*]. May they preach with all earnestness, as those who stand between the living and the dead, and watch for souls, as they that must give account.

And mercifully grant, that as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth

not thither until it have watered the earth, and made it bring forth and bud; so thy word may be, which shall go forth out of their mouths: let it not return unto Thee void, but accomplish that which Thou pleasest, and prosper in the thing whereunto Thou sendest it.

We ask these things, O Lord, in the name, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, most heartily we beseech Thee with thy favour to behold this thy family, whom thy good providence hath preserved to the evening of this sacred day.

Mercifully accept our humble thanks for all the blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us. We praise Thee for that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in Thee, and for continuing to bless us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore; and grant that we may use our manifold advantages to the good of our souls, and to the glory of thy name.

Forgive, we beseech Thee, whatever Thou hast seen amiss in us, and our services; and deal with us, not according to our deservings, but according to thy mercy, O Lord. Think on thy loving-kindnesses which have been ever of old. Look upon us, and be merciful unto us, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Through the blood of thy beloved Son grant unto us pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind.

Let thy holy Scriptures, which we have heard or read, sink into our hearts through the power of thy Holy Spirit. Thy word is pure, converting the soul. Enable us to take it, throughout the week, as a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our paths. Quicken us according to its heavenly precepts.

Grant that every return of this holy day may be the means of increasing our hunger and thirst after righteousness, and of making us more earnest in working out our own salvation, and the salvation of our fellow-men.

So assist us by thy grace, that we may come behind in no spiritual gift; but may follow after holiness, godliness, faith, charity, purity, and every good word and work. And do Thou, the very God of peace, sanctify us wholly; and preserve our whole spirit, and soul, and body, blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear our prayers for the Universal Church, for all who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, with all who have, in every place, this day, called upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, both theirs and ours.

Favourably with mercy regard this kingdom. Bless those who are endeavouring to promote among us that righteousness which exalteth a nation. And that there may never be wanting a supply of fit persons to serve Thee, both in Church and State, we beg thy blessing on all schools and seminaries of sound learning and religious education, particularly on the universities of this land; that sound knowledge and true religion may continue among us for all generations.

We pray Thee in behalf of all the ministers of thy gospel, especially those of our own Church. Prosper them in their work of faith

and labour of love. And grant that many may appear as their hope, and joy, and crown of rejoicing, in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, at his coming.

Comfort and support all those who are labouring among heathen nations, and are endeavouring to bring them to the knowledge of the truth. *For Zion's sake let them not hold their peace, and for Jerusalem's sake let them not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth; till the Gentiles see thy righteousness, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, as in the generations of old.* Gather together thy elect out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation, and bring them from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south.

Take us, and all whom we love, this night, to the arms of thy mercy: give unto us the blessing of eternal life, and make us partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our requests, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who hast added to the number of our days, and hast opened our eyes to behold the light of another morning, we beseech Thee still to look upon us, and to bless us: show us the light of thy countenance, and be merciful unto us. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; deliver us, and take away our sins, for thy mercy's sake. Pardon and accept us in thy beloved Son, and in Him let us find plenteous redemption.

And not only may it please Thee to blot out our offences, but also to grant us the aid of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be sorry and ashamed on account of them, and be enabled to bring forth fruits meet for repentance.

Give us grace to serve Thee faithfully this day, in simplicity and godly sincerity.

Grant that the good seed of Divine truth which was sown in our hearts on thy holy day may not be choked with the cares, or business, or pleasures of this life. But water it abundantly with the dew of thy blessing, and cause

it to bring forth fruit to perfection. Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of thy word, showing ourselves, in all things, a pattern of good works.

O Thou, who hast thyself suffered for sin in the flesh, arm us likewise with the same mind, that we may no longer live the rest of our time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

Grant that we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Help us to love our neighbours as ourselves, and to do unto all men as we would they should do unto us.

May we be jealous over our own hearts, and daily keep them with all diligence, remembering that out of them are the issues of life.

Be pleased, O God, to set a watch about our mouths, and to keep the door of our lips, that no communication may proceed out of them but that which is good for the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. *And may we always bear in mind that of every*

idle word which we shall speak we must give account in the day of judgment.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear us in behalf of others.

Do Thou, who art the wholesome strength and saving health of thy anointed, pour down the dew of thy blessing on all the congregations of thy people. May they hold fast the form of sound words, in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus. *By well-doing cause them to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men, that they, who are of the contrary part, may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of them.*

And grant, O most gracious God, who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord, that those who believe in our days may all be, as in the days of old, of one heart and of one soul, and let there be no schism in the body of Christ. We pray Thee, also, to bless all the ministers and dispensers of thy holy Word and Sacraments [*especially thy servant whom Thou hast appointed to minister unto us*]. May they not neglect the gift that is in them, but take heed to the ministry which they have received of the Lord Jesus, that they fulfil it. *Give them thy blessing in all their ways. Be with them in their intercourse with their people, in*

their private meditations, and in all their endeavours to promote the glory of thy name. Let not their labour of love be in vain, but make the weapons of their warfare mighty to the pulling down of the strong holds of sin and Satan; that the wicked may be brought low before Thee, and converted from the error of their ways.

And hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of thy word, that in every nation of the earth all men shall know Thee, from the greatest to the least.

Now unto Thee, who art able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of thy glory with exceeding joy, even unto Thee, the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, henceforth and for evermore. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone art able to help our infirmities, pour down upon us the Spirit of grace and supplication.

O Lord, teach us to pray. Enable us so to draw nigh unto Thee, that we may not be denied

the request of our lips; but may be heard and answered, through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and over all thy works. May it now be shed abundantly upon us who are assembled together, to confess our manifold sins and wickedness, and humbly to implore forgiveness at thy hands.

Pardon the offences of thy servants, and cover all our iniquity. Take away thy displeasure, and turn thyself from thy wrathful indignation. We know that there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, and that He is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. We beseech Thee, therefore, to have mercy upon us, and account us righteous before Thee for his sake. And forasmuch as Thou hast of thy great goodness called us to thy kingdom and glory, enable us, O Lord, to obey thy call. Grant that, being justified freely, and become thy children by adoption and grace, we may be made like the image of thy only begotten Son Jesus Christ; may walk religiously in all good works; and at length, through thy mercy, attain unto the kingdom which Thou hast promised through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory be unto Thee, O heavenly Father, for the blessed hope of eternal life which is set before us.

How great is thy goodness, which Thou hast in store for them that love Thee! We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and sing praises unto thy name, O Thou Most Highest.

Who shall not sing praises unto thy name, which is great, wonderful, and holy! Help us to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. May our souls and all that is within us bless thy holy name. Grant that thy love may be more abundantly shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, and that we may more perfectly show forth thy praises, who callest us out of darkness into marvellous light.

And, whenever it shall please Thee to take us hence, may we be ready to join the multitude before thy throne, who evermore praise Thee, saying, Glory to God in the highest.

To these praises and supplications for ourselves, we would add our hearty intercessions for our fellow-men.

Convince such as are ungodly among us of all the ungodly deeds which they have committed against Thee. Turn them from their

evil ways, that they may live, and not die. Lead them to know and to feel that the wages of sin is death; and stir them up to seek the gift of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Look especially on those whom sin hath bowed down for many years, and whom the infirmities of age are encompassing round about. Give them grace to redeem the time that remains, and to spend the remnant of their days in thy faith and fear. Spare them a little, before they depart hence and are no more seen.

We pray also for those who have borne in thy vineyard the heat and burden of the day of life. Forsake them not, O God, in their old age, until they have shown thy strength to this generation, and thy power to those who are yet for to come. And when their flesh and their heart fail them, do Thou, O God, who never failest them that trust in Thee, be the strength of their heart, and their portion for ever.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to accept this our evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving. Receive us, and all for whom we pray, to thy fatherly protection this night, and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, our Refuge and Strength, who art the Author of all godliness, be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the prayers of thy servants, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O God, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

We acknowledge our continual dependence upon thy bountiful providence. Our wants are many, and we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. We desire Thee, therefore, O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who art the Giver of all goodness, to send thy grace unto us that we may worship Thee, serve Thee, and obey Thee as we ought to do. Give us all things that are needful, both for our bodies and our souls; be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; save and defend us in all dangers, spiritual and bodily; keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our spiritual enemy, and

from everlasting death. Grant this of thy mercy and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And since Thou hast spared us through another night, and brought us together again before thy throne of grace, dispose us to give up ourselves afresh to thy service.

Enable us to go forth to our several employments, remembering that thy vows are upon us, and determined, in thy strength, faithfully to perform the same.

Grant that every morning may find our hearts more enlarged to run the way of thy commandments. May it become more and more the desire of our souls, and the business of our lives, to work out our salvation with fear and trembling; and do Thou, Almighty God, continually work in us, both to will and to do of thy good pleasure.

Let our conversation be daily in heaven, and our whole behaviour such as becometh holiness.

Let our moderation be known unto all men. Make us sober and temperate in our enjoyments, and give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions, in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory.

Preserve us from being entangled and overcome by the trials and temptations of a world that lieth in wickedness. Save us from that fear of man which bringeth a snare. While we are willing to become all things to all men, for their spiritual good, keep us from making shipwreck of faith and a good conscience.

Let us not glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by it may the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world. May we never be ashamed of Him or of his gospel, but so faithfully confess Him before men, that He may confess us before the angels which are in heaven.

While we implore these great blessings at thy hands, help us to praise Thee sincerely for those which we have already received, and are continually receiving from Thee.

Many, O Lord God, are the wonderful works which Thou hast done, and thy thoughts towards us. We cannot reckon them. If we would declare them, and speak of them, they are more than we are able to express.

Praised be thy name daily, even thine, O God, who helpest us, and pourest thy benefits upon us. Praised be thy name from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, and from this time forth for evermore.

Hearken, O God, to the voice of our intercession for others.

O Thou who withholdest no good thing from such as walk uprightly, encompass thy people with blessings on every side.

Send out thy light and truth on those who are walking in darkness and error.

May it please Thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, especially our neighbours, friends, and relations. Let them not despise thy chastening, nor be weary of thy correction, nor faint when they are rebuked of Thee; but let thy love be shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost given unto them. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, through whose merciful kindness we are preserved from day to day, we approach thy throne of grace this evening in the name of thy beloved Son. *Through Him we are encouraged to trust in Thee, not only for our preservation, and all*

the blessings of the present life, but for the pardon of our sins, and the blessings of the life to come.

Look down upon us in mercy, for his sake who died for us and rose again, and sitteth at thy right hand, ever living to make intercession for us.

Deliver us from all our sins for the glory of thy name. Redeem us from the curse of the law, through Him who was made a curse for us. May we so believe on his name, that our faith may be counted for righteousness. Receive us graciously, forgive us freely, and blot out all our transgressions.

Grant, O Lord, that we may show ourselves partakers of thy grace, by holding the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. May we not be of those who draw back unto perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

We look up unto Thee, Thou compassionate High Priest, who alone art able to keep us from falling.

We beseech Thee, by the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy nativity and circumcision; by thy baptism, fasting, and temptation; by thine agony and bloody sweat; by

thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, good Lord, deliver us. *Be mercifully touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and remember whereof we are made.* Carry on in our souls, from day to day, the work of faith with power. Fill us with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Strengthen us with might according to thy glorious power, that we may walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord, in behalf of those for whom we ought to pray.

Have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way. *Open their eyes to see that destruction and misery are in all their paths, and graciously lead them in the way of peace, which they have not known.*

Remember those who mourn for sin. Be nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and save such as be of a contrite spirit. *Though heaviness endure for a night, let joy come in the morning.*

Bring back to thy fold all who have wandered

from the way of righteousness. *Though Thou visit their offences with the rod, and their iniquity with scourges, nevertheless thy loving-kindness do not utterly take from them, nor suffer thy truth to fail.*

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage. May they continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and not be moved away from the hope of the gospel.

We desire, O heavenly Father, humbly to commend ourselves, and all who belong to us, unto the care of thy good providence.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! Therefore do the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wing. Watch over us with thy all-seeing eye, and give us comfortable sleep. May we lie down in peace, and take our rest. May we dwell safely, and be quiet from fear of evil. But keep us mindful, O Lord, at the close of every day, that the end of all things is at hand; that we may be sober, and watch unto prayer. Stir us up to work while it is called to-day, and to remember that the night cometh when no man can work. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee mercifully to behold this thy family for whom thy blessed Son was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross. Grant that, drawing nigh unto Thee in his name, and pleading before Thee his most precious blood-shedding, we may be made partakers of the benefits of his passion. *Let thy grace be exceeding abundant towards us, in faith and love which is in Him; that being rooted and grounded therein, we may grow up unto Christ in all things.*

And may the blood of Him, who, through the Eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot for our sins, purge our conscience from dead works to serve Thee, the living God.

We look up unto Thee, O Lord, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things, both in heaven and earth, for thy protection through this day. Put away from us, we beseech Thee, all hurtful things, and give us those things which shall be profitable for us.

May we go forth to our duties with thy blessing upon us. And, if it please Thee, give us success in our employments. But save us, O Lord, from a worldly mind, from that covetousness which is idolatry in thy sight, and from that undue anxiety as to the affairs of the present life, against which Thou hast mercifully warned us. *Let us take heed to ourselves, and beware, lest at any time our hearts be overcharged with the cares of this life, and we fall into temptation and a snare, and into those foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.*

Teach us to devise liberal things, and freely to give of such things as we have.

Endue us with a spirit of tenderness and compassion for the distresses of all around us, that we may not only rejoice with those that do rejoice, but weep with those that weep.

Dispose us thankfully to take every occasion of relieving the bodily and spiritual wants of our fellow-men, and of conforming ourselves to his image who went about doing good, and left us an example that we should follow his steps.

Make us stedfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.

We beseech Thee to hear us in behalf of others.

O God, who hast commanded us to pray one for another, regard all who are joined to us in the bonds of kindred, friendship, and society, and join them unto Thee in the bonds of thy everlasting covenant.

O God, who hast commanded us to pray for those who despitefully use us, and persecute us, be merciful to all our enemies, even as we pray Thee to be merciful unto ourselves. Make them to be at peace with us and with Thee. Teach us not to be overcome of evil, but to overcome evil with good.

O God, who hast commanded us to make intercession for the prosperity of thy people, remember the Church which Thou hast purchased with thy precious blood, and let not the gates of hell prevail against it.

O God, who hast commanded us to pray for kings, and for all in authority, regard with thy favour our most gracious Sovereign, and all who serve under her. May it please Thee to be her Defender and Keeper, giving her the victory over all her enemies.

O God, who hast commanded us to make prayers and supplications for all men, we be-

seech Thee, finally, to bless the whole human race, giving them all things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, even unto Thee, be all honour, and glory, and praise, and thanksgiving, henceforth and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but wouldest rather that he turn from his wickedness and live, and hast declared and pronounced to thy people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins; Thou pardonest and absolvest all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe thy holy gospel. We therefore acknowledge our manifold offences, whereby Thou art justly displeased. In many things we have all offended Thee; in pride, in impenitence, in hardness of heart, in neglect of thy word and the means of

grace, in forgetfulness of Thee, and in disobedience to the commands of thy dear Son.

But we pray Thee, O Lord, enter not into judgment with thy servants. We humble ourselves before Thee. Remember whereof we are made. Pardon, we beseech Thee, all our sins, and give unto us true repentance and thy Holy Spirit, that those things may please Thee which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to thy eternal joy.

But whereas we cannot of ourselves make any satisfaction for the sin that is past, we flee unto thy cross, O Lamb of God, who hast made there, by the one oblation of Thyself, once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world.

We look unto Thee, who wast lifted up to draw all men unto Thee, and we entreat Thee to turn and look upon us; that, after the example of thy penitent apostle, who went out and wept bitterly, we may mourn, in the bitterness of our souls, for all the evils which we have done, and may feel that godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of.

O Saviour of the world, who, by thy cross

and precious blood, hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Let repentance and remission of sins be preached unto all nations in the name of thy beloved Son.

Cause the wicked to forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Thee, that Thou mayest have mercy upon him, and abundantly pardon him.

Give thy blessing to the righteous, and with thy favourable kindness defend him, as with a shield.

Have compassion upon those who are grown lukewarm in thy service. May they be zealous and repent, and do their first works. Give them the comfort of thy help again, and stablish them with thy free Spirit.

Look especially on such as are bowed down greatly with their sins, to whom the remembrance of them is grievous, and the burden thereof intolerable. *Compass them about with songs of deliverance. Give them a right understanding, and sure trust in Thee. Shut not up thy loving-kindness in displeasure, but make them to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.* Deliver them from fear of the enemy; lift up the light of thy

countenance upon them, and give them thy peace, which passeth all understanding.

We entreat Thee also to accept our thanks for the blessings which we have hitherto received.

We praise Thee for the comforts and protection of the past day. We bless Thee for providing for us a place of rest by night. Thou only art He who makest us continually to dwell in safety. We beseech Thee, therefore, most mighty God, who art the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, to watch over us, and keep us, through the hours of darkness.

Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things that are eternal.

Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Saviour of all them that put their trust in Thee, we adore and magnify Thee, as the Author of all our blessings, and the Source of all our happiness.

Every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, and cometh down from Thee, the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Thou preservest to us our life and health, our food and raiment, our friends and relatives, our private and public blessings, the means of grace, and the hope of glory. Thou art worthy of our highest adoration, our liveliest gratitude, and our most unfeigned praise.

Not for our sakes, O Lord, not for our sakes dost Thou continue to bless us from day to day, and permit us to come into thy presence; but because Thou delightest in mercy, because thy goodness is from everlasting to everlasting, and because Thou hast respect unto the sacrifice of thy beloved Son, who gave Himself a ransom for our souls. For his sake, O Lord, continue to us all our blessings, and be gracious unto us, even as Thou art wont. In his all-prevailing name we beseech Thee to look down upon us in compassion this morning. Let thy thoughts towards us be thoughts of peace.

As Thou hast kept us from the terror by night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, so may it please Thee to save us from the arrow that flieth by day, and from the destruction that

wasteth at noonday. Especially save us from those who lie in wait for our souls.

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee, in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we, thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee, and praise thy holy name.

Enable us to pass this day, and all our days, in thy faith and fear.

Preserve us, that our minds be not overcharged with the cares of this life.

Make us humble in prosperity, and patient and thankful in the time of adversity.

Suffer us not to be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness. Let us not do the things that please them, and so become partakers of their sins. But give us grace to set our faces as a rock against sin, and vanity, and every appearance of evil; and let

not our hearts be inclined to any evil thing, but only to that which pleaseth Thee.

Thou hast showed us, O Lord, what is good, and what thou requirest of us. Help us to obey thy commandment, to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Thee. And having learned how we ought to walk and please Thee, may we abound more and more. Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, continually to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul.

O Thou God of kingdoms, and Lord of heaven and earth, give thy blessing to all nations, especially to that in which Thou hast cast our lot.

We are a sinful people, laden with iniquity, and it is of thy mercies that we have not been consumed. But continue, we pray Thee, to spare and to bless us, and grant that all thy goodness towards us may lead us to repentance. *Be Thou our God, and may we be thy people, that all the world may know that Thou art our Defender and Almighty Deliverer.*

Bless the neighbourhood in which we dwell,

and the families with whom we are connected. May they be taught of Thee to be kindly-affectioned one toward another, and to dwell together in peace and love. And do Thou, the God of peace and love, be with them now and evermore.

We further pray Thee to shed thy favour and blessing upon this family. Increase our love to Thee, and to each other; and accept the prayers and praises which we offer up before thy throne, through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who wilt not give thy glory to another, Thou hast commanded us to worship Thee, and Thee only to serve; and we acknowledge that this is our reasonable service and our bounden duty.

But we confess with shame and sorrow that we have not glorified Thee as we ought, and have not given unto Thee the honour which is due unto thy name. We have set up our idols in our hearts, and have worshipped and served

them more than Thee, the only God, blessed for evermore.

But, O Lord, we beseech Thee let not thy righteous anger fall upon us. Judge us not according to our ways, nor recompense us according to our iniquities; but let thine eye pity, and thy hand spare us, and let us find that Thou art the great and wonderful God, who delightest in mercy. Sprinkle us with the blood of Jesus, and we shall be clean. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

And since of thy only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, give us grace to believe in Thee, to fear Thee, and to love Thee, with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength; to worship Thee, to give Thee thanks, to put our whole trust in Thee, to call upon Thee, to honour thy holy name and thy word, and to serve Thee truly all the days of our life.

With these our prayers, be pleased to accept our hearty thanks for all thy goodness towards us.

Though we are so unmindful of Thee, Thou yet rememberest us from day to day, and pourest upon us the abundance of thy mercy. Blessed

be thy name for all thy gracious dealings towards us. And we pray Thee to preserve in our minds such a sense of them as shall lead us to love Thee more and to serve Thee better.

Hear us, O Lord, while we implore this grace and mercy in behalf of our fellow-creatures.

Look in pity on those who are still lying in darkness and the shadow of death, and are serving idols of wood and stone, which their own hands have made. Turn them from the error of their ways, and grant them the knowledge of Thyself, and of Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

Pity and convert those who have brought into thy Church dangerous heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them.

Grant that all who know Thee not may acquaint themselves with Thee, and be at peace, and that all who know Thee may be joyful and glad in thy salvation.

Have mercy on the afflicted in mind, body, or estate. Go not from them when trouble is hard at hand, and there is none to help them. Be Thou their Refuge, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth. And in the multitude of the sorrows which they have in their hearts, let thy comforts refresh their souls.

Mercifully regard, also, our kindred after the flesh, our benefactors, friends, and neighbours.

To thy gracious care and protection we commend ourselves and them this night. Preserve us, both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls.

And when our eyes shall be closed in the darkness of the grave, may we rest in Jesus; and, in the last day, be raised from the dead, to die no more, and be made like unto the angels, being thy children, O God, and the children of the resurrection.

O Thou who hearest and answerest prayer, hear us in these our humble petitions, and send us an answer of peace, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose ears are always open to the petitions of thy humble servants, unto Thee do we lift up our souls. We would seek Thee whilst Thou mayest be found, and call upon Thee whilst Thou art near.

Dispose us ever to direct our prayer unto Thee, and to look up, and daily at thy footstool to wait for thy blessing. For Thou, O Lord, art full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in goodness and truth. How precious are thy thoughts towards us.

Thou hast protected us during the hours of darkness, for the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.

Whither shall we go from thy Spirit, or whither shall we flee from thy presence? If we ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if we go down to hell, Thou art there also. If we should take the wings of the morning, and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there would thy hand lead us, and thy right hand hold us.

We humble ourselves before Thee for the sins which thy all-seeing eyes have beheld in our lives.

Very grievous are they, O Lord, and more than we are able to express, and not one of them is forgotten before Thee. If thou shouldst be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide? Deal not with us according to our sins, nor reward us according to our iniquities. Blot out the hand-writing that is

against us, and take it out of the way, nailing it to the cross of thy beloved Son.

Grant unto us redemption through the blood of Christ, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of thy grace. May we be washed, may we be sanctified, may we be justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by thy Spirit, O Lord God.

Let a sense of thy presence abide with us this day. May we set Thee always before us, remembering that Thou, O God, seest us. And since unto Thee all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Thee no secrets are hid, cleanse, we beseech Thee, the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name.

And while we acknowledge Thee in all our ways, do Thou in mercy direct our paths. *As Thou didst lead thy people Israel in safety through the wilderness, going before them by day in a pillar of cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night, so be Thou mercifully pleased to lead and protect us in the way in which we should go.* Stand continually at our right hand, that we may not be moved. Strengthen us with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; and daily in-

crease in us thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and holy fear.

We beseech Thee also, O Lord, to give unto all mankind a due reverence of thy holy presence.

May the ungodly remember that thou knowest their manifold transgressions, and that there is no darkness, or shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide their heads.

May all those who desire only to appear righteous before men be led to seek Thee in sincerity and truth.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness.

Let thy presence comfort and support thy afflicted people, and be a refuge to them in all their troubles.

Furthermore we pray Thee to dwell in the hearts of all who are near and dear to us, and to make them a holy temple in the Lord, the habitation of thy blessed Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and Immortal God, the Aid of all that need, the Helper of all that flee to Thee for succour, the Life of them that believe, and the Resurrection of the dead, receive us, as Thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us that ask, let us that seek find, open the gate unto us that knock; that we may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly grace, and may come to the eternal kingdom which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord.

We draw nigh unto Thee in his great name, trusting to thy word, that whosoever believeth in thy beloved Son shall be saved. And we beseech Thee to grant that, coming unto Him this night, weary and heavy laden with the burden of our sins, we may find rest to our souls.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so great is thy mercy towards them that fear Thee. Like as a father pitieth his children, so do

Thou, our heavenly Father, pity and have mercy upon us. Take away our sins, reconcile us unto Thyself, and accept us through the blood of thy beloved Son.

We pray Thee, also, O Lord, to show unto us more of the evil of sin, that we may know more of thy wonderful grace and mercy, and of the loving-kindness of God our Saviour.

O the depth of the riches of thy wisdom, thy knowledge, and thy love! Thou, O God, the merciful and gracious Lord, hast so done thy marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance. Thou hast sent redemption unto thy people: Thou hast commanded thy covenant for ever: holy and reverend is thy name. It is a good thing to give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and to sing praise unto thy name, O Thou Most Highest; to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning and thy faithfulness every night.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we, thy unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of

grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to hear our prayers for all mankind.

May it please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived.

May it please Thee to defend thy servant our Sovereign, to rule her heart in thy faith, fear, and love, that she may evermore have affiance in Thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory.

May it please Thee to guide and protect the magistrates, that they may be a terror to evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

May it please Thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly.

May it please Thee to bless the faithful in Christ Jesus, and to give them grace to continue faithful unto death.

May it please Thee to bless the rising generation, especially the children of those who seek Thee, and of all our kindred, friends, and neighbours. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and in grace, and in favour with Thee and man, and may be thy sons and daughters, O Lord Almighty.

May it please Thee to stand at the right hand of the poor and destitute, and to be unto them a tower of strength against all their enemies.

Grant, O Lord, these our petitions, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold [illegible]dness, which we, from time to

time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking, most justly, thy wrath and indignation against us. *We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.* For thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Keep us this day by thy mighty power. Give us grace to live as thy redeemed people, and to walk in all thy commandments and ordinances blameless. And grant that our love to Thee may abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, that we may approve things that are excellent, that we may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Him, to the praise of Thee our God.

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Accept our thanks for all thy mercies, tem-

poral and spiritual. We bless Thee for preserving us through the past night, and for refreshing us with sleep; *and we acknowledge it to be of thy undeserved goodness that we are all here before Thee this morning.*

We bless Thee for every opportunity of meeting together before thy throne of grace.

We praise Thee for every increase of spiritual knowledge, for every victory over the enemies of our souls. We adore Thee for all the promises of thy word; for all thy forbearance towards us; for all the workings of thy good Spirit in us; for all our past and present comforts, and for all our hopes of future glory.

Day by day we magnify Thee, and we worship thy name, ever, world without end.

Hear our intercessions, most gracious Father, for the whole race of man.

Have mercy on this world that lieth in wickedness, and stretch forth thy right hand to save it from destruction.

Overrule all changes in empires and kingdoms for the advancement of true religion, and for the furtherance of thy glory. Extend the kingdom of thy Son. Prosper every endeavour for the con-
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the ends of the world may remember themselves and be turned unto Thee, O Lord; and that all the kindreds of the nations may worship before Thee.

Hear us especially in behalf of thy ancient people, thy people Israel. Our hearts' desire, and prayer for them is, that they may be saved.

Hear us, also, in behalf of this kingdom. Bless the Queen and all the Royal Family.

[*Bless likewise the High Court of Parliament, under our most gracious Sovereign, at this time assembled.*]

Send forth throughout the land a universal spirit of repentance, that we may return every man from his evil ways, and may amend every man his doings. Increase among us that righteousness which exalteth a nation, and save us from that sin which is the reproach of any people. *And may we never in the pride of our hearts forget that blessed only is the nation whose God is the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.*

We pray for thy faithful servants, scattered throughout the earth, for all who are beloved of Thee, called to be saints.

We pray for our relations and friends. May their names be in the book of life.

We pray for our enemies, and for those who

despitefully use us, and persecute us. O Thou God of peace, reconcile them unto us, and unto Thee.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our supplications and thanksgivings, and do for us, and all for whom we have prayed, more than we are worthy to ask, or able to think, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY LORD GOD, Father of all mercies, Giver and Preserver of all good things, we humbly beseech Thee, of thy great goodness, to receive the thanks and praises which we desire now to present unto Thee. We would bless Thee for thy abundant kindness, and tell out thy works with gladness. Hitherto O Lord hast Thou helped us, and through the protection of thy gracious providence we are spared to the evening of this day.

Thy ways towards us have been faithfulness and truth. Thou hast done for us more than we have either desired or deserved, and more than we are [illegible] ness. Who can utter thy mighty [illegible] show forth all thy praise?

But, though Thou art exalted high above all blessing and praise, yet we beseech Thee to accept our thanks for thy manifold favours towards us, and help us to give unto Thee the glory that is due unto thy name.

Grant, Lord, that from the abundance of the heart we may speak thy praise, and that, day by day, we may grow in grace, in thankfulness, and in every fruit of the Spirit. Especially may a sense of thy wonderful love in the redemption of our souls ever abide upon our minds.

O Thou, who hast given thy Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification, grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; and that at his second coming to judge the world in righteousness, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight.

But who may abide the day of his coming? And who may stand when He appeareth?

We humble ourselves at thy footstool, acknowledging the sins which we have committed against Thee, especially the sins of the week which is now closing.

And we pray Thee, most merciful Father, to grant unto us forgiveness of all that is past,

through Him who by thy grace tasted death for every man. For his sake, cleanse Thou us from all our offences, and pardon all our sins, and all our transgressions; and grant that, being justified by his blood, we may be saved from wrath through Him.

To thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus we now commit ourselves, and all for whom we should pray.

Save and defend us through the night. Open our eyes to see the light of thy holy day, and sanctify it to the good of our souls.

Sanctify it, likewise, we humbly beseech Thee, to the good of our fellow-men. Give unto them every blessing which we have asked for ourselves, and every other of which they stand in need.

Bless the Queen, whom Thou hast set over us, and the Church which Thou hast planted in this land.

Bless our Bishops, Priests, and Deacons [*especially him who is set over us in the Lord*]. Prepare them for the work to which Thou hast called them, and especially for the duties of thy holy day.

Preserve us in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Put away from us strife,

and division, and every evil work. Let brotherly love continue and increase. And do Thou, the very God of peace Thyself, abide with us always.

Bless all members of thy universal Church, and grant that all such as profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth; and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Shed abundantly thy grace and mercy on all who are near and dear to us, and make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

And as Thou hast promised that of the increase and prosperity of thy kingdom there shall be no end, give thy blessing to all who are labouring for its extension throughout the world. Be Thou exalted, Lord, in thy own strength. And let the time draw near when the whole earth shall be filled with thy glory, and when every thing that hath breath shall praise Thee. Bring to pass that which is written, that in the last days the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it.

Grant these things for the honour of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Fourth Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, we bless Thee for defending us through the night past, and for bringing us in safety to the beginning of this day.

Our song shall be always of thy loving-kindness, O Lord, and with our mouth we will daily show forth thy praise. Thou art worthy to be praised, and had in honour, for great and marvellous are the works which Thou hast done.

We confess, O God, that we have often neglected this holy day, doing our own ways, seeking our own pleasure, and speaking our own words.

But Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity, sparing us when we deserve punishment, and in the midst of judgment remembering mercy. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, still to spare us, and to have mercy upon us. For the sake of Jesus

Christ, thy Son, our Saviour, look down upon us, and grant us thy blessing.

May we enter upon the duties of this day, remembering that for this and every other gift of thy goodness we must render an account in the day of judgment, and that to whom much hath been given, of them will much be required.

Of thy bountiful goodness, therefore, keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which Thou wouldest have done; and forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts.

O Thou, who art greatly to be feared in the assembly of thy saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about Thee, prepare us for the solemnities of thy public worship.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts! Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee. May we account a day in thy service better than a thousand, and be glad when it is said to us, Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Thither may we go this morning with joyful

hearts, looking for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple, joining thy people in the praise that awaiteth Thee there, praying unto Thee in the Spirit, hearing and receiving thy word, and faithfully performing our vows. So may we give unto Thee the honour that is due unto thy name, and worship before Thee with holy worship. And do Thou, O Lord, hear the voice of our humble petitions when we cry unto Thee, and lift up our hands towards thy mercy-seat.

Give grace unto all who shall this day be gathered together in thy name, that they may worship Thee, serve Thee, and obey Thee as they ought to do.

Bless thy ministering servants, whom Thou hast appointed to show men the way of salvation [*especially thy servant who ministereth unto us*]. May they not keep back thy loving-kindness and truth from the congregation of thy people, but faithfully declare thy whole counsel. And while they watch for souls, as those that must give account, grant that their words may be so heard and received, that they may be able to give account of their people with joy, and not with grief.

Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek Thee faithfully in thy sacred ordinances.

Grant unto those who are trusting to themselves that they are righteous, that they may feel and lament the iniquity which cleaveth even to their most holy things.

Have mercy upon those that draw nigh unto Thee with their mouths, while their heart is far from Thee. Make them to know that so long as they retain iniquity in their hearts, Thou wilt not hear them.

Comfort all that mourn. Give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Let those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness be filled.

Let the poor and needy give thanks unto thy name. May thy blessed Gospel still be preached to them, and may they know the joyful sound thereof, and be glad, esteeming it dearer to them than all the treasures of this world.

Thus may it please Thee to satisfy all with the plenteousness of thy house, and to suffer none to return empty away.

Grant these, and all our requests, for thy mercy's sake in Christ Jesus, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy, and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy: Thou only art the Lord: Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

And as we beseech Thee, O Lord, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances (particularly those of the past day), so may it please Thee to give us true repentance, and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

O Thou, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same.

Accept, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our hearty thanks for the means of grace which have been vouchsafed us this day, and for every blessing which Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We bless Thee for all those who have been turned from their evil ways, and for all who have been comforted, instructed, and in any way edified, in thy house of prayer.

For these and all thy other mercies, our souls do magnify thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

Mercifully look upon the universal Church, which Thou hast purchased to Thyself with the precious blood of thy dear Son.

So guide and govern the minds of thy servants, the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man; but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of the same. And to those that are ordained to any holy function, give thy grace and heavenly

benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men.

Bless the words which have been spoken in thy name this day, and let them not prove to any the savour of death unto death, but of life unto life to all who have heard them.

Be gracious unto thy servants who have met together with us in thy courts, and grant that as many as are planted in this house of the Lord may flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

Have mercy on those by whom thy day of rest hath been disregarded. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Be favourable, also, unto those who have been kept by sickness, or any other necessity, from joining the public assemblies of thy Church. Do Thou, Almighty Lord, who art a most strong tower unto them that put their trust in Thee, be now and evermore their defence; and make them to know and to feel that there is none other name under heaven, given to man, in whom and through whom they may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We give Thee hearty thanks, likewise, for

all those whom it hath pleased Thee this day to deliver out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee that it may also please Thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thy elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name we offer up these our prayers. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we humbly beseech Thee to accept the praises and thanksgivings with which we begin this day. Though we are unworthy to offer them, and unable to show forth thy goodness, yet be graciously pleased to hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Day by day will we give thanks unto Thee, O God, and speak of all thy marvellous works. Our praise shall be always of Thee.

We adore and magnify Thee for the daily

bounties of thy good providence, for our preservation through the night past, and for all the blessings of this present life.

But, chiefly, we beseech Thee to fill our hearts with a due sense of thy unspeakable love in the redemption of our souls.

We bless Thee for thy holy day, for thy house of prayer, for thy appointed ministers, for thy holy word and sacraments, and for all other means of grace and salvation.

Help us now to call to our remembrance, and earnestly to take heed to, the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

May thy holy Scriptures, which Thou hast given by inspiration, and caused to be written for our learning, be made profitable to us for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that, being born of thy incorruptible word, which liveth and abideth for ever, we may be furnished unto all good works. *Grant, O blessed Lord, that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and comfort of the same, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Especially grant that the sacred influence of thy word and ordinances may be manifested in our lives this day.

Let us not trust to a form of godliness, and deny the power thereof; but be faithful and sincere in thy service, keeping our hearts with all diligence, and labouring to bring every thought and intent into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Bless us in all our doings with thy most gracious favour. Bestow upon us whatever is needful for the present life; but incline us to take heed of covetousness, and a too great minding of earthly things. May we have that godliness with contentment which is great gain; and remember that our life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which we possess.

Give us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God.

Dispose us, also, faithfully to perform our duty towards our neighbour. Make us upright in our dealings, providing things honest in the sight of all men, rendering unto all their dues; *tribute unto whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour.*

Put away from us all malice, and guile, and hypocrisies, and all evil speakings; and grant that, as thine elect, holy and beloved, we may put on tenderness of heart, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another.

As members of the same household, and heirs together of the grace of life, may we dwell in love one with another, in all things approving ourselves as thy servants; that so, at the last, an entrance may be administered unto us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We commend ourselves, O Lord, and all our concerns, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour, knowing that Thou art able to keep that which we commit unto Thee against the great day.

Thou, Lord, art our Rock, and our Fortress, whereunto we will always resort; our Deliverer, our God, our Strength, in whom we do trust; the Horn also of our salvation, and our Refuge.

O Lord, have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in Thee. O Lord, in Thee have we trusted, let us never be confounded.

We ask these great blessings for ourselves,

and for all mankind, in the name of thy blessed Son, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the blessed and only Potentate, King of kings and Lord of lords, who only hast immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen or can see, fill our minds with a deep sense of thy majesty and glory.

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy name throughout all the earth, Thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens. Thy dominion is an everlasting dominion, and thy kingdom endureth from generation to generation.

The day is thine, the night also is thine, for all things serve Thee.

Lord, what is man, that thou art so mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou knowest, O Lord, the pride and the rebellion of our hearts. Thy word testifies against us, and our own consciences also, that we are verily guilty before Thee, and without excuse.

We bless and thank Thee that thou hast not suffered our sins to withhold from us the blessings of the past day, but hast brought us to the end of it in health and peace.

And before we retire to the rest which Thou hast provided for our bodies, we earnestly beseech Thee to make us partakers of that spiritual rest which thy richer bounty hath provided for our souls. Be merciful unto our unrighteousness, and our sins and iniquities do Thou remember no more. Wash them away in the blood of Him who was called Jesus, that He might save his people from their sins. Through Him we pray Thee to look down upon us, and cleanse us from our many transgressions; from our pride and obstinacy, from our hardness of heart and neglect of Thee; from our vain thoughts and idle words; from our unchristian tempers and pursuits; and from all evil doings, whereby we have provoked thy wrath and indignation against us.

Grant, O Lord, that we, who do justly deserve to be punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

May it please Thee to give unto us a heart to

love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments; that we, being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit.

Humble us under thy mighty hand, O God. Bring down every high look, and lofty imagination, that exalteth itself against Thee; and clothe us with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in thy sight of great price.

Preserve us from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think; and teach us to walk before Thee with all gentleness and lowliness of mind.

Give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command. Grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. And do thou, O Lord, graciously look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us.

Extend, we beseech Thee, thy compassion to all mankind.

Look on the sins and miseries of this fallen world.

Teach thy ways unto the wicked, and let sinners be converted unto Thee.

Take all the heathen unto thine inheritance, and let them know that Thou, whose name is Jehovah, art the Most Highest over all the earth.

Have pity upon those who, under the light of thy gospel, are living in darkness and error.

Regard all the kingdoms of the world, and let wars and fightings among them for ever cease. Give peace in our time, O Lord. Let not nation lift up sword against nation, neither let them learn war any more. Suffer none to hurt or destroy, but let the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy glory, as the waters cover the sea.

We beseech Thee to hear us in these our prayers, O Lord God, and of thy great goodness take us, and all who are dear to us, under thy fatherly protection, this night and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious God, who livest and abidest for ever, we adore Thee as the Sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, the Giver and Preserver of all good things. Our voice shalt thou hear, O Lord, every morning; for every morning thy mercies towards us are renewed : great is thy faithfulness and truth.

Lord, what are we, that Thou shouldst be so mindful of us, and so gracious unto us, in saving our life from destruction, and crowning us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. It is of thy mercies in Christ Jesus that we are not consumed, because thy compassions fail not. For his sake still look upon us, and be gracious unto us. Deal not with us according to our sins, nor reward us according to our iniquities.

And grant, we beseech Thee, that with our restored strength we may give up ourselves afresh to thy service. Stir us up to self-examination and reflection, to watchfulness and prayer. *Enable us to break through our habits of spiritual sloth and negligence, and teach us the value of time, while yet it remains to us. And we earnestly pray Thee, O heavenly Father,*

in whose hands are the issues of life and death, to spare our lives till the work is finished which Thou hast given us to do.

O God, the Strength of them that trust in Thee, we implore thy presence and protection through this day, for we know not what a day may bring forth. Be with us, and watch over us for good. Make us active in the discharge of our duties. Cleanse us from our secret faults, and keep us from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over us.

Save us from the corruptions of our own hearts, from the wiles and assaults of the devil, and from the wicked practices of the world around us. Give us grace to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, and to follow Christ. Preserve us, at home and abroad, in public and in private, from every thing that might prove to us an occasion of falling.

And since, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us continually the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed.

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and

of thy great mercy keep us in the same all the days of our life.

Be pleased, O Lord, to hear our supplications and prayers for our fellow-men, and especially for such as are exposed to any of those troubles from which we are mercifully delivered.

Sanctify thy fatherly corrections unto them, and do Thou, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, comfort them in all their tribulations. *As their sufferings abound, let their consolations abound also; and the more the outward man decayeth, the more may they be renewed by thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man, that so their afflictions may be the means of working out for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*

Hear us, we humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God; and as Thou hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, it is meet and right that unto Thee all flesh should come. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

Thou hast brought us to the end of another day, and we desire to praise Thee for the many and undeserved blessings which we have received.

We have sinned against Thee, and done evil in thy sight, but thy mercy reacheth to the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. Thou, even Thou, art He that blottest out our transgressions for thy name's sake, and for thy

beloved Son's sake wilt not remember our sins. *Through Him, Thou hast promised forgiveness unto all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, showing mercy unto thousands, in them that love Thee, and keep thy commandments.*

Be merciful unto us, O God, be merciful unto us, for our soul trusteth in Thee. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Trusting in the multitude of thy tender mercies, and in thy loving-kindnesses which have been ever of old, we flee unto Thee for rest and safety this night.

Thou seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Take us, therefore, we beseech Thee, under the protection of thy good providence. Keep us, both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul.

Bless us in our lying down and in our rising up. May we remember Thee on our bed, and think on Thee in the night-watches; and when we awake, may we still be with Thee.

Furthermore, we entreat Thee, O Lord our God, to bless the whole race of mankind with all things needful for life and godliness.

Prepare thy way before the face of all people, and visit them with thy salvation.

Vouchsafe thy blessing to this kingdom, and let thy glory still dwell in our land.

As we are taught by thy holy word that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and governance, and that Thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom, we humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the heart of Victoria thy servant, our Queen and Governor, that in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people, committed to her charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness. And to all thy people give thy grace, that they may learn both to fear Thee, and to honour the Queen, being subject to the higher powers, and submitting themselves to every ordinance of man for thy sake. Keep us, O Lord, from all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; and continue to stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our Defence against all our enemies.

Give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them.

Grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness.

Bless all who have done us good, and reward them seven-fold into their bosoms.

Do good to those who have done us evil, and give them repentance and the spirit of love.

Preserve the rich and prosperous from worldly pride, and the poor and needy from murmurings, envyings, and discontent.

Finally, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, to have compassion on our infirmities; and those things which, for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to us for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We

have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises, declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

Help us so to live throughout the day. Bless us in all our ways; and, whatever we do, may we do it heartily as unto Thee, with a single eye to thy glory, and a humble dependence on thy fatherly protection.

Enlighten our understandings, control our wills, and sanctify our affections. Preserve us, that neither the pleasures, nor the cares, nor the honours of this life, may turn away our thoughts from the life which is to come. May we learn and labour daily to live above the world, and to follow all our occupations in it with a heavenly mind.

Enable us faithfully to discharge our duties to Thee and to our neighbours, that we may be useful in our generation among men, and stedfast in our covenant with Thee. Having had much forgiven of Thee, may we love Thee much, and strive to please Thee in all our ways.

And grant that nothing may ever separate us from Thee, or cause us to grow weary of thy service. But may we keep thy covenant for ever, and think upon thy commandments to do them, finding thy yoke easy and thy burden light; yea, accounting thy service perfect freedom, and the very joy of our heart.

Lord, we pray Thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works.

We desire to offer up our unfeigned thanksgivings for every mercy which Thou hast vouchsafed to our bodies and our souls. Day by day we give thanks unto Thee, and praise thy name.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks unto Thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to show thy mercy not only to ourselves, but to all who partake of our fallen nature.

Pity and convert the wicked. *May they no longer make a mock at sin, but learn to tremble at that wrath which Thou hast revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, fearing Thee, who art able to destroy both body and soul in hell.* Give them grace to stand in awe of thy judgments, and to sin no more.

Bless thy faithful people with knowledge, and good understanding, in the ways of godliness.

And since many are the afflictions of the righteous, Lord, remember them, and all their troubles. *Though troubled on every side, let them not be distressed; though perplexed, let them not be in despair; though persecuted, let them not be forsaken; though cast down, let them not be destroyed. In all their afflictions be Thou afflicted, and let the Angel of thy presence save them. In thy love and in thy pity do Thou redeem them, and bear them and carry them as in the days of old.* Grant that every affliction may yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness to such as are exercised thereby. And do Thou bring them, at the last, to that place of rest and peace where Thou wilt wipe away all tears

from their eyes, where there shall be no more sorrow nor crying, neither any more pain.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who makest light and createst darkness, the returns of the morning and evening praise Thee.

We have been defended by thy mighty power through the day, and we desire to end it by speaking good of thy name.

While we have any being let us sing praises unto Thee, our God; and when this life is ended may we be prepared to join the countless multitude before thy throne, who rest not day and night proclaiming the praises of Him who loved them, and washed them from their sins in his own blood.

We pray Thee, O Lord Jesus, to love us, as

Thou hast loved them, and to wash us, as Thou hast washed them. They were by nature children of wrath, even as we. We have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works which Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them. And thy arm is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor is thy ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

Look therefore upon us, even upon us, also, O Lord, our Redeemer. Arise, help us, and deliver us, for thy name's sake. Arise, help us, and deliver us, for thine honour.

Grant that we may be thine for ever, and that in Thee all things may be ours; whether the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come. And do Thou, the God of all grace, who hast called us to thy kingdom and glory, make us perfect to do thy will. Stablish, strengthen, settle us.

Be unto us a tower of strength against all our enemies. Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after our souls to destroy them: let them be turned backward and put to confusion, as many as wish us evil. Grant that we may be always sober, and watchful unto prayer, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

We look up to Thee, O Lord Almighty, for thy blessing through the night. May we lie down and be safe from fear of evil. And grant that, whether waking or sleeping, we may live together with Thee.

We desire, also, to commend all mankind to thy fatherly mercy.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Thou Fountain of goodness, to bless our most gracious Queen and all the Royal Family. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heavenly grace, prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thy everlasting kingdom.

[*We humbly beseech Thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, at this time assembled.*]

Remember for good the Churches which thy right hand hath planted, and water them abundantly with the dew of thy blessing.

Clothe thy ministers with the armour of righteousness, on the right hand and on the left.

Make thy chosen people joyful in thy salvation.

Bless all parents and heads of families. Deliver them from that wrath which Thou hast threatened to pour out upon those who know Thee

not, and upon the families that call not upon thy name. Give them grace to walk in thy ways, and to command their households after them, bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

And upon all children pour down the riches of thy grace; sanctify and bless them, and dispose their hearts to love, honour, and succour their fathers and mothers.

Bless also all servants, and teach them to be obedient unto their masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again, not purloining, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things.

We pray Thee finally, O merciful Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love, to remember and to bless with thy favour all such as are dear unto us. Keep them, we beseech Thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make them to have a perpetual fear and love of thy name. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them, let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting salvation,

through Jesus Christ our Lord; who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, the Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, enable us to draw nigh unto Thee by faith, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee. For in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore. Even here there is a joy in thy service with which a stranger intermeddleth not, and a peace which passeth all understanding. Grant, O most merciful Lord, that all of us who are now assembled together may be made partakers of this blessedness. Cause us to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee do we trust. Cause us to know the way wherein we should go, for we lift up our souls unto Thee.

Whom have we, O Lord, in heaven, but Thee? and whom upon earth should we desire

in comparison of Thee? Grant that we may ever have fellowship with Thee, and with thy Son Jesus Christ. May He dwell in us, and we in Him. Show us thy glory, we beseech Thee, and make all thy goodness pass before us, that we may taste and see how gracious Thou art.

We confess our unworthiness to implore these great mercies at thy hands. For we grieve thy Holy Spirit from day to day, and provoke Thee to leave us to ourselves. We have sought our happiness in the world more than in thy favour and love, and have made our hearts the abode of vain thoughts and sinful imaginations, rather than the habitation of thy blessed Spirit. O cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Unto Thee do we lift up our eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, even so our eyes wait upon Thee, O Lord our God, until Thou have mercy upon us.

O most mighty God, and most merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved,

mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy. To Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare thy people whom Thou hast redeemed: enter not into judgment with thy servants, but so turn thy anger from us, who desire meekly to acknowledge our vileness, and truly to repent us of our sins, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come.

Be pleased, O Lord, to receive our thanksgivings for thy goodness and loving-kindness which have followed us all our days, and particularly for thy preservation of us during the night-season.

We commit ourselves afresh this morning to thy loving-kindness and tender mercies.

Give us this day our daily bread, both temporal and spiritual.

Bestow upon us such a measure of worldly goods as may be needful and profitable for us. May the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us. Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us: O prosper Thou our handywork.

Above all, feed us with the bread of life, which cometh down from heaven, and which Thou givest for the life of the world. Lord, evermore give unto us this bread, and nourish us up with it, even unto life eternal.

May we have grace to seek first thy kingdom and righteousness, and to trust thy unfailing promise, that all other things shall be added unto us.

Pour down, we beseech Thee, these blessings on all mankind, and especially on such as we desire continually to remember before thy throne.

Favourably receive, O heavenly Father, these our prayers for them, and for ourselves; and answer them, not according to our merits, but according to the merits of thy beloved Son, our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ the Righteous. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting Lord God, Creator of the ends of the earth, that faintest not, neither art weary, whose mercy endureth for ever, who is like unto Thee,

that pardonest iniquity, and passest by the transgression of thy heritage; that retainest not thy anger for ever, because Thou delightest in mercy?

When we call to remembrance the days that are gone, from our youth up even until now, our sins take such hold upon us that we are not able to look up. They are more in number than the hairs of our head, and our hearts fail us.

We have cause, O Lord, to remember and to be confounded, even though Thou shouldest be pacified towards us for all that we have done.

We bless Thee for Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, through whom we hope to be justified from all things, from which we could not be justified by our own righteousness.

We adore and magnify thy name, O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, for having called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to thy own purpose and grace, given us in Christ Jesus, before the world began; whom having not seen we love, and in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we may rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory.

We bless, and praise, and magnify Thee, O God of our salvation! O Lamb of God, worthy

art Thou that wast slain, for thou hast redeemed us unto God by thy blood! Worthy art Thou that wast slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Teach us, O Lord, to live day by day, in humble dependence on thy promises, in cheerful obedience to thy laws, and in a sure and certain hope of a blessed immortality.

Keep us, we beseech Thee, with thy perpetual mercy, and because the frailty of man, without Thee, cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation.

From all our enemies defend us, O Christ.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

Grant that being received for thy own children by adoption, and being incorporated into thy holy Church, we may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; and finally, with the residue of thy people, may be made partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Preserve us from all evil this night. Graciously give thy angels charge concerning us, to

keep us; and grant that we, with our friends and neighbours, and all who are dear to us, may be brought in safety to the beginning of another day.

But whereas we continually carry about us a body of death, give us grace to consider our end, and to look forward to that sleep in the dust of the earth, from which all shall awake at the last, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

And may we be found ready in that day to say, with all those who wait for thy appearing, "Lo! this is our God: we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord: we will rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear these our supplications; and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, who hast renewed thy mercies towards us together with this morning light; Thou art the God of

our life, and the Refuge of our souls. Day by day will we make our prayer unto Thee.

Look down upon us, O Lord, from thy holy temple: from thy throne in the heaven of heavens, incline thine ear and hear us.

Remember the everlasting covenant of grace, which Thou hast established in the blood of thy beloved Son; and, for the glory of thy name, vouchsafe unto us the pardon of our sins, and all other spiritual blessings.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may be mercifully relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lord, lift Thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Show unto us more of the vanity of the world, of the misery of sin, of the worth of our souls, of the excellency of Christ, and of the beauty of holiness.

Teach us that one thing is needful; and that one thing let us do; giving all diligence to make our calling and election sure, growing in grace and humility, and increasing in the knowledge of thy holy ways.

Keep us this day with thy mighty power. May we be in thy fear all the day long,

serving Thee, as dear children, in the spirit of adoption.

Deliver us from all sin and wickedness, and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

From all blindness of heart, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness, good Lord deliver us.

Make us humble and lowly in spirit, cheerful and contented in our stations, true and just in our dealings, diligent and faithful in our callings, kind and tender-hearted towards our fellow-creatures, forgiving the offences of others, as we hope to be forgiven of Thee; bringing under the body, and keeping it in subjection; watching over our thoughts, words, and actions, and letting our moderation be known to all men.

O God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee, such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love towards Thee that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire.

Graciously vouchsafe, O Lord, to hear our intercessions in behalf of those for whom we are commanded to pray.

May it please Thee to have mercy on all the nations of the earth.

Look with pity and love upon this kingdom in general, and especially upon such as are faithful in the land, upon all who fear Thee and trust in thy mercy.

Show unto them that are in error the light of thy truth, and cause them to return into the way of righteousness; and grant unto all such as are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same.

Heal the divisions of thy Church, and pour down upon us the spirit of unity and godly love.

Assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah.

May it please Thee, of thy great goodness, to provide for the poor and needy, to preserve all sick persons and young children, and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives.

May it please Thee to bless with thy most gracious favour those whom we love and those who love us, and to grant that we may all be loved of Thee. Let our dwelling, ourselves, our substance, and all that we have, be blessed of

Thee, the God of all blessings, this day and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that we may obtain our petitions, make us to ask such things as shall please Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thou hast graciously promised that whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall find mercy. Help us, therefore, to confess our iniquity with that godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of; and to approach Thee with the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which Thou, O God, wilt not despise.

Look down upon us through the Son of thy love, in whom Thou canst be just, and the Justifier of all who truly believe in Him.

Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief. Pardon our backwardness to receive the record which Thou hast given of thy Son. Forgive our slowness of heart to believe all that thy prophets and apostles have spoken of thy great salvation. Upbraid us not for our want of faith

in laying hold of thy exceeding great and precious promises.

And since Thou art faithful who hast promised, and with Thee is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, help us no longer to stagger at thy promises through unbelief; but to be strong in faith, giving glory unto Thee, and believing that what Thou hast promised Thou wilt also faithfully perform.

Grant also, O God, that we may guard against every thing which might weaken the ground of our confidence towards Thee. May we never grieve thy Spirit, nor wound our own consciences, by doing what our hearts condemn; but may we walk according to the light which we receive, and be able with truth to say, O Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that we love Thee.

Seal us, we pray Thee, with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance.

O God, who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any

adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that we, through thy help, may both faithfully live and walk according to thy will, in this life present, and also may be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come.

Of thy bountiful goodness, O Lord, pour down thy blessings on the whole human race; that all nations, whom Thou hast made, may come and worship before Thee, and glorify thy name.

Especially bless our own country.

Save us from national judgments, from foreign oppression; and from domestic tumults.

From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence, and famine, from battle and murder, and from sudden death, good Lord deliver us.

May it please Thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of Thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant Victoria, our most gracious Queen and Governor.

May it please Thee to bless and preserve all the Royal Family.

May it please Thee to endue the Lords of the Council [*and the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled*] and all the nobility with grace, wisdom, and understanding.

May it please Thee to bless and keep all thy people.

May it please Thee to regard with thy love and compassion our beloved friends and neighbours. Keep them steadfast in thy faith and fear. Guide them by thy counsel here, and receive them, hereafter, to the kingdom of thy glory.

Hear us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, in these our prayers and intercessions, and accept our hearty thanks for the mercies of the past day. Watch over us this night, and keep us from all sin and danger.

May it please Thee, O most merciful Father, with thy perpetual favour to look upon us; that by thy great goodness we may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who causest thy sun daily to rise on the evil and on the good, we humbly approach Thee with the offering of our thanks and praise.

We bless Thee for having preserved us once

more to meet in thy presence, and we beseech Thee to grant that thy many and great mercies, pertaining to the present life, may be always remembered by us with gratitude and love.

May we think of them when we lie down, and when we rise up; when we sit in the house, and when we walk by the way.

These mercies, we acknowledge, no righteousness of our own hath merited, nor hath our own prudence or strength procured them. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name, be all the praise; to thy power, and wisdom, and goodness, by which alone we have been preserved; and to thy bountiful and gracious providence, by which our wants have been supplied.

To Thee also we are wholly indebted for all spiritual blessings.

Thou didst make man upright at first, but we sought out many inventions, and corrupted our way before Thee, and had the sentence of death in ourselves. Yet Thou hast delivered us from so great a death, and dost deliver, and we trust Thou wilt yet deliver us; for Thou hast not appointed thy people unto wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let not any of us, we pray Thee, neglect thy great salvation. But since Thou hast given

thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life, give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life.

May we renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that we may not follow nor be led by them.

Grant unto us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and to do alway such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to thy will, and so in the end may obtain everlasting life.

Be pleased, O Lord, to bestow on others the blessings which we have implored for ourselves.

Prosper all endeavours to spread abroad thy gospel in the world. Let the knowledge of thy salvation be increased. Give unto thy beloved Son dominion, and glory, and a kingdom; *and let all people, nations, and languages serve Him, and let his dominion be an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*

O Thou, who dividest to the nations their inheritance, and settest the bounds of the people, Thou upon whom the isles do wait, graciously behold this land.

We beseech Thee to save and defend all Christian kings, princes, and governors, and especially thy servant Victoria our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed.

And grant unto her whole Council [*especially to the great Council of the Nation, now assembled in Parliament*], and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give also unto those who are under authority a spirit of meekness and submission, a spirit of contentment and obedience, a spirit of sure trust and confidence in Thee, who makest poor and makest rich, who bringest low and liftest up, who puttest down one and raisest up another.

And pour down upon us all a spirit of unfeigned thankfulness for the many and great blessings with which Thou hast visited us, giving unto us such a sense of them, as shall cause us to love and praise Thee all our days, through

Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

O ETERNAL, Immortal, Invisible, and only wise God, incline, we beseech Thee, thine ear to our calling, and let the voice of our prayer and thanksgiving enter into thy presence. We approach Thee in the name and through the mediation of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thou hast brought us to the end of another week, and we acknowledge with thankfulness all the mercies which Thou hast bestowed upon us from the beginning of our lives to this moment.

We bless Thee for having made us, at the first, capable of loving and serving Thee.

We praise Thee for the preservation of our being from week to week, exposed as we are continually to various diseases, and sundry kinds of deaths.

We thank Thee for food and raiment ; for

health and strength; for kind friends and neighbours; for peace and protection by day, and for rest and safety by night; for the comforts and conveniences of life; and for all our other blessings.

But, above all, we heartily thank Thee, O heavenly Father, for having called us to a state of salvation through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And we pray Thee to give us thy grace, that we may continue in the same unto our lives' end.

We bless Thee for the many advantages which Thou affordest us in this favoured land, for the Church in which Thou hast placed us, for thy faithful ministers, for thy Holy Word, and for all the means of grace.

We beseech Thee, also, Almighty God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, to receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee, for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates [*more particularly to thy servant who ministereth unto us in holy things*], that, both by their life and doctrine, they may set

forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, especially unto us who are here present, and to all who shall assemble with us in thy courts, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving Thee, in holiness and righteousness before Thee all the days of our life.

Finally, O most gracious Lord God, we, thy humble servants, entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee, humbly beseeching Thee that all we, who are now uniting in supplication and praise, may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden

duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us for the sake of thine only Son, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Fifth Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O MOST holy Lord God Almighty, Thou art the Creator of all things, and hast ordered all things for our good. Thou hast given us thy blessed Word, that we may know Thee, and thy Son Jesus Christ. And Thou hast ordained means of grace, that our souls may be raised towards heaven.

We thank Thee for the gift of this thy holy day, upon which our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead for our redemption. And as on this day the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the company of the first disciples, so now we look to Thee for his holy influences, that we may be taught, and sanctified, and comforted. May we be in the Spirit on the Lord's day.

Grant us to enjoy a heavenly repose from all earthly cares and toils, and to attend only on holy things, for the good of our immortal souls. Help us to profit by every means of grace. We

would lift up our souls unto Thee, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens, and call this day a delight, holy of the Lord, honourable: and we pray Thee to assist us with thy grace, that we may set our affection on things above.

Enable us in all things to honour Thee; not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words. Help us to order our thoughts and conversation agreeably to thy will, seeking grace for ourselves and others, in our pilgrimage to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of our God.

Grant, O Lord, Thy blessing to all Ministers of the Gospel, in this and in every land. Enable them faithfully to preach thy Word, and make their teaching effectual to the salvation of those who hear it. Apply thy word with power to our consciences; fix it in our memories; and may the Word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom.

We beseech Thee to have compassion on all those who dwell in heathen lands. Cause thy light and thy truth to prevail over the gross darkness which covers so many nations of the earth. In pity rebuke and convert all, in our own country, who do not reverence this holy day. Make manifest the savour of the know-

ledge of Christ in every place. So let thine earthly Sabbaths be made to thousands and tens of thousands a blessed foretaste of that eternal Sabbath which Thou hast prepared for all thy faithful people, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

LORD, Thou hast been favourable to us, in granting us this holy day for the refreshment of our bodies, and the edification of our souls. We thank Thee for the peace and comfort enjoyed during these sacred hours. Thou dost bless the families that call upon thy name; and now we pray, ere we retire to rest, that thy Holy Spirit may continually dwell within us, sanctifying all our thoughts, and speaking peace to us through the blood of the cross.

Pardon, good Lord, all that thy pure eyes have seen amiss in any of our services this day. Forgive the iniquity of our holy things. Let not our infirmities prevail, to hinder the fruitfulness of thy Word in our souls; but may we continually grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In-

crease our faith, enliven our hope, and quicken us to love Thee with our whole hearts. Cast us not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

We entreat Thee to impress upon our hearts and consciences all the solemn truths which on this day we have either heard or read. Let not the enemy take away that which hath been sown in our hearts. Let not the cares and pleasures of this world choke the Word. Look upon us, and all who are dear to us, according to our several necessities. Establish those who are young in grace, and cause them to desire the sincere milk of the Word, that they may grow thereby. May those who have long been thy servants be made strong, and let thy word abide in them. Support and comfort the aged, and enable them continually to make mention of thy praise.

Bless all who minister in holy things, especially those who labour for our good. Make them to rejoice in the Master whom they serve. May sinners be converted from the error of their ways, and may thy people be established and made fruitful in every good word and work.

Extend thy blessing to those who are preach-

ing the Gospel in far distant lands. Open t eyes of all mankind, to look to the only Savio that they may be saved. Let thy Spirit wc in this our day, even as in old times, turni multitudes from darkness to light, and from t power of Satan unto God.

And now, heavenly Father, we commit ou selves to thy care this night. Grant that may lie down at peace with Thee, and havi peace in our own hearts, and at peace with men. Let the words of our mouths and t meditations of our hearts be always acceptat in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and o Redeemer. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Fathe we thank Thee that Thou hast preserve us through the past night, and that our ey behold the light of another day. We laid down in peace, and slept, for Thou madest to dwell in safety.

Blessed be thy name for all the benefi which we enjoy; for health and strength, foc and raiment, daily occupation, and a peacef

dwelling-place. To Thee, O Lord, do we give thanks for all thy mercies; and we pray that we may have grace to use them aright, and to thy glory.

Above all, we thank Thee for our spiritual blessings; for thy written Word, for thy day of rest, and all other means of grace. May the words which we have heard on thy holy day abide in our hearts throughout the week. May we be guided by thy precepts, take comfort from thy promises, and stand in awe of thy judgments.

Now that we are going forth, every one to his work and to his labour until the evening, suffer us not to be unmindful of thy presence. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit. Enable us to order our conversation aright, that we may speak that which is good to the use of edifying. Let us not bring a reproach upon thy Gospel; but enable us so to walk before Thee that others may be led to say, We will go with you, for we have seen that God is with you of a truth.

We beseech Thee mercifully to regard all estates and conditions of men. Incline those who are rich in this world to give bountifully of their substance to every pious and benevolent

undertaking. May they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, glad to communicate. Have mercy on the poor and destitute: put it into our hearts and into the power of our hands to relieve and succour them. Make us all to feel our dependence on Thee; and together with all thy other blessings bestow upon us the gift of a thankful heart devoted to thy service and glory.

Graciously assist all those who are labouring to make known to others the precious truths of the Gospel. Fill their hearts with joy in this work; prosper their labours; may sinners be converted, and saints be established through their means; and may thousands arise in this and every other land to call them blessed.

We commend ourselves, and all who are dear to us, to thy protection and guidance; beseeching Thee to preserve us in our going out and coming in, from this time forth and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

LORD, teach us to pray! Pour out upon us the spirit of grace and supplication. Let thy good Spirit help our infirmities, that

we, who know not what we should ask for as we ought, may be enabled to ask agreeably to thy will; and, asking, may receive according to the riches of thy grace.

Our sins are many, more in number than the hairs of our head, but thy mercies are infinite. We bring all our transgressions, confessing them, and laying them by faith on the head of our atoning sacrifice, Christ Jesus the Lord. May our daily prayers for pardon find daily acceptance with Thee through Him. Blot out our iniquities as a cloud, and as a thick cloud our sins. Keep us, O Lord, by thy grace, that sin may not in any wise be suffered to gain dominion over us. Help us to put away every thing that is displeasing to Thee. Hear, O Lord, the earnest desire of our hearts; and grant that a sense of thy pardoning mercy may cause us more and more to abhor that which is evil, and to cleave to that which is good.

Lord, we are thine: save us, for we do not forget thy commandments. Without Thee, O Saviour, we can do nothing. Kindle within us holy desires, increase our faith, enliven our hope, and strengthen us to persevere in prayer.

As thy promises, heavenly Father, are exceeding great and precious, so let our hearts be

enlarged to embrace them. Thou dost promise that thy people shall be grieved for sin; bestow upon us that godly sorrow not to be repented of. May we continually flee to our merciful Redeemer, and rest in Him, that we may find peace to our souls. Thou offerest the grace of thy Holy Spirit daily to renew us after thine image. Lord, keep us ever depending on the power of the Holy Spirit, and in His might may we be ready for every duty, and be enabled to overcome every temptation.

We implore the aid of thy grace, not for ourselves alone, but for others also. Vouchsafe especially to the ministers of thy Word a diligent, humble, and powerful spirit: that, being first taught of Thee, they may be able to teach others. Bless those who carry the Gospel to distant lands; may they labour fervently in prayers, and in the Word and doctrine. May the spirit of prayer be exceedingly increased among us, and may the glory of thy grace be exalted in all the earth. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things: and blessed be his glorious Majesty for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. *Amen and Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

O LORD, we are again assembled together in thy presence. We thank Thee for the mercies of the past night, and that we meet in peace and safety. May thy good hand ever be over us, to protect us from all evil, and may thy Holy Spirit dwell in the midst of us, making our conversation well pleasing in thy sight.

Shed abroad in our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues. In all our dealings with men, and especially with those of the household of faith, may we learn to love as brethren.

Help us to refrain from all angry thoughts and hasty words. May the law of wisdom and kindness govern our conversation, that we may honour Thee and do good to many.

Subdue within us all envy, pride, and vainglory. We take shame to ourselves when we remember how often we have been carried away by these sinful passions. We humbly beseech Thee to assist each of us in our secret strivings against the plague of our own hearts. May we

be fully taught to love our neighbour as ourselves; doing good, hoping for nothing again; not minding high things, but condescending to men of low estate; walking in the steps of the blessed Jesus, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

Increase in us daily the spirit of lowliness, meekness, and gentleness, that we may win others to Christ, and adorn his doctrine in all things. Vouchsafe unto us more and more richly the mind that was in Christ: and as Thou dost sanctify those who are justified, so may we be made holy, harmless, and undefiled, even as He was.

We entreat Thee to shed abroad also in thy whole Church a spirit of unity and godly love. Remove far from us the spirit of strife, and division, and heresy. Let vain jangling and needless controversies cease from among us, and may all seek the things whereby one may edify another. We plead the intercessions of our blessed Redeemer for his disciples, that they all may be one, gathered together as one fold under one Shepherd.

Hear us, O Thou God of love and peace, and be with us this day in all the fulness of thy Spirit; and enable us continually to live in that

same temper of kindness and humbleness of mind in which we should desire to be found when dying. So may we pass from things temporal to our eternal state, in holy fellowship with the saints, and with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

O LORD, who hast mercifully preserved us through another day, enable us by thy grace to draw near to Thee with grateful hearts. We thank Thee for every blessing which Thou hast this day vouchsafed to us.

Who or what are we, O heavenly Father, that thy favours to us should be so many and great? We are not worthy of the least of all thy mercies. We are not better than many who are in want and misery. It is not for our worthiness that Thou puttest a difference between us and them, but Thou, of thine own free and sovereign will, hast dealt thus graciously with us. Suffer us not at any time to be puffed up with a conceit of our own merits. Make us humble. Pardon, O Lord, our many sins, negligences,

and ignorances, and cause us to feel continually our entire dependence on Jesus Christ the righteous, as our only hope of acceptance with Thee.

Give us contented and submissive minds amidst all the changes of this mortal life. Remove from us the evils of poverty and the snares of riches: into whatsoever state Thou callest us may we be therewith content. If Thou art pleased to make us abound in the good things of this life, give us liberal and compassionate hearts. If poor and needy, suffer us not to repine at our lot, or become envious of others; but make us entirely resigned to thy holy will. Help us to bless Thee, our God and Saviour, at all times: let thy praise be continually in our mouth. Give us thy Holy Spirit to comfort and refresh us. Grant us the true riches, a place in that kingdom which cannot be moved, a portion in that goodly heritage which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee.

Hear the prayers which we offer up on behalf of others, especially those who are most near and dear to us. Bless all our family, and those connected with us. May every one of them be brought to the knowledge and love of

thy truth; and may we so adorn the Gospel in all things, that others may be won to serve our gracious Master. Let thy holy Word be made known in all the dark regions of the earth; and on those now sitting in the shadow of death let the light of thy life-giving Gospel freely shine. Bless all who minister in holy things; make them faithful and affectionate, laborious and patient. Give success to their labours. May sinners be converted unto Thee, and thy people be established in the truth.

We now commend ourselves to thy protection this night. Guard and keep us while we sleep, and in the morning may we rise, strengthened anew for thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, through thy goodness we are spared to assemble together again, to spread our wants and desires before thy mercy-seat. For Jesus Christ's sake hear our prayers, and accept the thanksgivings and

praises which we present unto thy Divine Majesty.

Fill us, O Lord, with a desire to know and do thy will. We thank Thee for having revealed that will to us in thy Holy Scriptures; so that we are not as the heathen who know not God. Incline our hearts, we beseech Thee, to love thy commandments. Write thy law upon our hearts. May its spiritual character be displayed to our inmost souls. May we humble ourselves for our iniquities, and tremble because of thy judgments. May we bless Thee for thine infinite compassion, in giving thine only Son to die for our sins, and may the love of Christ constrain us to love Him, and to walk in his steps.

Subdue our corruptions by the power of thy Holy Spirit; enable us to mortify all sin; and may we yield our members as instruments of righteousness unto holiness. Sanctify us wholly in body, soul, and spirit; and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And whensoever thy chastening hand, O our Heavenly Father, shall be laid upon us, then endue our souls with patience, and meek submission to thy will. Thou, Lord, art infinitely wise, and full of compassion: teach us to trust

in thy love under the darkest dispensations. Thou dost not willingly afflict nor grieve thy children: give us the comfortable assurance that all things shall work together for our spiritual and eternal good. May thy chastenings draw us nearer to Thee, and bring us to lie low at thy footstool. Quicken our faith and enliven our hope; and let thy peace, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Above all, prepare us, we pray Thee, for the blessed family of saints and angels in heaven, where there shall be no more sorrow, nor sighing, neither any more pain.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to give us grace to be faithful in our dealings with our neighbours. Keep us from sin by the remembrance that Thou God seest us. Teach us to seek thy glory in all things, and to exercise fervent charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned. Let the blessing of peace rest on us, and on the whole household of God.

We ask these great mercies for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, through thy mercy we are brought in safety to the end of another day, and once more assemble at thy footstool. For Jesus Christ's sake, graciously accept our thanksgivings, and hear the petitions which we offer in his all-prevailing name.

We desire to humble ourselves for all which we have this day done or thought that is displeasing in thy sight. In many things we offend, and that continually. There is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not. In the midst of our worldly affairs we have too often forgotten Thee: we have given our hearts to earthly vanities, and have desired the favour of men more than the honour that cometh from Thee. We have sorrowed when offending our fellow-creatures, or injuring our own interest; but we have not mourned when we grieved thy Holy Spirit. We beseech Thee, Lord, to keep us mindful of thy presence, that we may not depart from Thee: and when thou dost chasten us for our faults, may we

quickly turn to Thee again, and obtain the healing of our souls.

O Lord, we lament over those who are living without Thee in the world, and are in danger of dying without hope. Bless all endeavours to win them unto Christ. Cause them to feel their need,and constrain them by thy Spirit to mind the things that belong to their peace.

Have compassion, we pray Thee, on the nations that know Thee not, and obey not the Gospel of Christ. Behold, O Lord, look down from heaven, the habitation of thy holiness, and see how all the earth has corrupted its way. By fraud and violence, by many hurtful lusts and pleasures, by idolatry, impiety, and superstition, have the sons of men departed from Thee. Turn Thou them, O Lord, and so shall they be turned.

Have mercy on thine ancient people, the Jews. Take away the vail now upon their hearts, that they may be brought to see Christ to be the end of the law, and receive Him into their hearts.

We entreat Thee to purify and enlarge thy Church. Raise up more faithful Evangelists to preach thy Gospel everywhere. Like showers that water the earth, may thy Holy Spirit de-

scend abundantly upon their labours, that so thy promise may be fulfilled, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Hear, Lord, our prayers for others; and bless us in our own souls, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

O LORD GOD of our fathers, Thou hast shewed thy power and thy faithfulness towards mankind for many generations. And we of this family, now meeting together in the name of Jesus Christ, have enjoyed blessings more than can be numbered.

We thank Thee for the Word of thy truth, thy Holy Scriptures, which we may read in our own tongue, none making us afraid. We bless Thee for the peaceable opportunities Thou givest us of worshipping Thee in thy house, and that Thou hast sent forth throughout the land many faithful preachers of the everlasting Gospel. O that there were such an heart in all the people of this land, that we

might all know Thee from the least to the greatest: that the rich might find in thy Word the true and imperishable riches, and the poor rejoice that they have the Gospel preached to them.

We are bound also to thank Thee that so many Societies flourish amongst us for teaching the ignorant, succouring the needy, and relieving the sick. Blessed be Thou, O Lord, whose gracious Spirit hath inclined so many of this nation to seek the welfare of their fellow-men!

We also bless thy name for the great mercy we enjoy in having truth and justice, religion and piety, established among us. Long have the people of this land dwelt in peaceable habitations, and in sure dwellings, and quiet resting-places. May thy servants ever rejoice in this privilege, and use their liberty as not abusing it.

With shame and confusion of face we must acknowledge that we have not rendered unto Thee according to all thy benefits. We have dealt proudly: even denying the Lord that bought us, and continually doing despite to the Spirit of grace. Thy holy day is profaned, and in many ways we have provoked thine anger. Yet hear, O Lord, the supplications of those who sigh over all the evils in our land. Hear

us while we cry, Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them; and give not thine heritage over to reproach.

Bless, we beseech Thee, all orders of persons amongst us: bless our Queen, and those in authority under her; our senators, judges, and magistrates. Let there be truth and peace in our days. Bless us who are now before Thee. Guide us and keep us this day from all evil. Hold us to thyself; and suffer us not to fall away from thy service. Let peace reign in our hearts, and may love one towards another abound.

We ask all for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants desire to renew our prayers and thanksgivings at thy throne of grace. Thou hast graciously preserved us through another day: we have gone out and come in, and no harm has happened to us. Thou hast granted us opportunities of doing and receiving good.

Thou still bearest with us, pitying our ignorance and pardoning our sins. We pray Thee continually to renew our fallen nature by the power of thy Holy Spirit.

Hear, we beseech Thee, our intercessions on behalf of others. Bring all men to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Let thy way be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Give thy blessing to all who go forth in thy name, preaching among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. Let them not labour in vain. Uphold their fainting spirits, strengthen them in body and mind, and may none of their words fall to the ground. The labourersare few: O Thou Lord of the harvest, send forth more labourers into thy harvest. And do Thou, who alone canst give the increase, prosper their work by the conversion of thousands, both Jews and Gentiles, to God. Bless all who are engaged in translating the Holy Scriptures: give them wisdom and skill, patience and perseverence, faithfulness and love: may they feel the power of thy Word in their own hearts, and be enabled by thy Spirit to convey its blessed truths to the hearts of those among whom they labour.

Look in mercy upon this family. May we ever walk before Thee in love, loving Thee above all, and rejoicing in the manifold tokens of thy loving-kindness towards us. We beseech Thee to grant us the free and full remission of all our sins, how many or great soever they may be. Help us by faith to cast the burden of them upon Jesus, who his own self bare our sins in his body on the tree. Give us the comfort of thy Spirit, cleansing our consciences by the blood of sprinkling, and cheering our hearts with the light of thy countenance.

We pray Thee graciously to prosper our daily acts of duty in our worldly callings; and grant that whatsoever we do, we may do all to the glory of thy name. Make us more diligent in our endeavours to promote the salvation of our friends and neighbours.

Remember us, O our God, for good; and spare us according to the greatness of thy mercy: do for us, and by us, exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

O LORD, who hast permitted us again to assemble at thy footstool, give us grace to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. May every heart now draw near to Thee in full assurance of faith; may our consciences be cleansed from sin, that we may serve Thee with a quiet mind.

We implore at thy hands an increase of grace. Revive thy work in our souls. Suffer us not to forget the vows which we have offered when in trouble; nor the holy resolutions to which we have been led by thy Spirit. We are prone to depart from Thee and to turn to vanity: O recover us, restrain us, and keep us faithful to thy service. May the Holy Spirit shine with new power upon our cold and languid souls. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

We beseech Thee to make us more diligent and circumspect in the use of all appointed means of grace; that we may not be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May thy Word be

our daily portion; more to be esteemed than our necessary food. May we be nourished and strengthened by it. Make us more instant in prayer, and more earnestly desirous to commune with Thee and our own hearts. Enable us by the grace of thine indwelling Spirit both to will and to do what is agreeable to thy Holy Word. Make us pure in heart; help us to put away all sin; especially whatever sin doth most easily beset us. Keep us watchful against our great adversary. Make us conscientious and exemplary. Let the honour of thy Gospel be ever dear to us; and may our chief delight be in the spiritual prosperity of thy people; with whom we desire to be united here for the comfort of our mutual faith; and with whom we hope to be numbered hereafter in glory everlasting.

O Lord, purify thy Church from all outward disorders and offences. But, above all, do Thou quicken the inward life of such as are united to the Great Head of thy Church by a lively faith. Suffer not any to rest in outward profession; but grant to us all, both ministers and people, grace to be truly spiritually-minded, followers after holiness, stirring up every good gift which Thou in thy mercy shalt impart to us. So let thy Gospel become a praise in the whole earth:

and may our congregations and families, and our own souls, prosper and be in health, to the glory of thy great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

O MOST blessed Saviour, our Lord and our God! we bow down before Thee this evening, remembering thy glorious and merciful work of intercession at the right hand of the Father; and entreating Thee to present our prayers mingled with the incense of thy merits.

We know that in Thee the Father is always well pleased; and that He heareth Thee always. The desire of our souls is to thy name and to the remembrance of Thee. Thou art our Advocate with the Father, and the Propitiation for our sins. O Thou Almighty Saviour, come speedily and make thy people willing in the day of thy power. Be Thou our atoning Priest; our Prophet and Lawgiver, and our Sovereign King. Reign by thy Spirit in our hearts, put down every imagination, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God; and bring into captivity to thy-

self every thought of our hearts, O Thou who art the anointed Lord and Saviour of the world.

We pray Thee to raise us up towards thyself, by the daily renewal of thy grace within us. Shed abroad in our hearts the love of thy name. Thou givest thy Spirit even to the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell among them. Take up thy abode, and converse with us, as of old Thou didst with thy chosen disciples. Grant us the witness of the Spirit, manifesting that we are thine, and assuring us that whom Thou lovest in this world, Thou lovest unto the end. And when the time of our departure shall come, Lord Jesus receive our spirits. Be not far from us in that hour, O Lord; haste Thee to help us, O Jesus, Thou God of our salvation.

O Thou who when on earth didst labour and suffer, and die for thine enemies; O Thou who didst intercede even for thy murderers; Thou who didst weep for Jerusalen, and pity those who received Thee not; be Thou favourable to thine ancient people. Turn again to them, we pray Thee, in loving-kindness and tender mercy. May they be gathered again from all lands; that the fulness of their receiving may be to the whole world as life from the dead.

O blessed Jesus, fulfil all thy gracious pro-

mises. Take to thyself the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Bless us, and watch over us this night. Pardon our want of holy zeal, and all our manifold sins and infirmities. And to Thee, O blessed Jesus, the strength of our life, will we ascribe all honour, and power, and dominion, now and for ever. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

BLESSED LORD, who hast led us thus far on our way, we would begin this day with a sense of our own frailty, and of thy power, goodness, and truth. Grant us thy grace to quicken our zeal, to restrain and guard us that we fall not into temptation.

Keep us ever mindful of the shortness and uncertainty of our continuance in this world. Thou alone knowest the hour when our work shall be ended. May we be diligent as those that must give an account, that whenever death shall come we may be ready to resign our place to others, and to appear before Thee with joy unspeakable.

We lament that we have many times let slip

the opportunities which Thou hast granted us for doing good. We have done far less service to the glory of thy name than we might have done. Pardon, good Lord, not only our many offences, but also our sins of omission. We have wasted the time and talents which Thou hast bestowed upon us. We cannot present ourselves before Thee in any righteousness of our own. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. For Jesus Christ's sake, pardon all that is past; and enable us henceforth, as we have opportunity, to do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Make us to know and feel that one thing is needful. Give us grace every one to choose that good part, and to seek Thee continually in prayer and the study of thy Holy Word. Thus may we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and be continually ripening ever more and more for the glory which is to be revealed at his coming with all His saints.

We beseech Thee to teach us by thy Holy Spirit the inestimable value of thy day of sacred rest. May thy ministering servants enjoy

much holy communion with Thee; grant them on this day a prepared heart; and when on the morrow they shall speak in thy name, may they speak the truth in love, with all boldness, as they ought to speak. Grant that we and all thy servants, remembering how short our time is, may do with our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do; redeeming the time because the days are evil; and so passing all the days of our life, that in death we may have peace; and after death may spend with Thee a Sabbath of everlasting peace and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

O LORD GOD, who keepest covenant for a thousand generations, Thou hast promised that while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and summer and winter, and cold and heat, and day and night shall not cease. We are again brought to the end of another day, and of another week; and we desire to close it with a remembrance of our own unworthiness, and of thine infinite mercies towards us.

Pardon, we beseech Thee, the sins of which our consciences accuse us. Blot them out of the book of thy remembrance, relieve our consciences from the burden of them; enable us by faith to cast all our iniquities upon Jesus, the Lamb of God, slain to take away the sin of the world. Cheer our hearts with the assurance of forgiveness, sealed by thy Holy Spirit.

O Lord, we pray Thee ever to preserve in us a tender conscience. May we unfeignedly lament the power that sin and temptation have over us. Suffer us not to remain under the dominion of our evil nature, or to be ensnared by the corruptions of the world. But may we strive continually more and more to mortify all sin, and to perfect holiness in thy fear.

We mourn before Thee, O Father, for all the opportunities of doing good which we have neglected during the past week. We confess our coldness in thy service and our want of compassion towards the souls of our fellow-men. Stir up in us that which remaineth; quicken in us every good desire and holy resolution; and suffer us not to fall into the condemnation of the lukewarm.

Prepare us for the blessed duties of thy day

of rest; and let thy Holy Spirit so bless to us the use of thine appointed ordinances, that we may find them abundantly healing and strengthening to our souls. We pray Thee also graciously to assist thy ministering servants, who on the morrow shall speak in thy name. Guide their minds by the counsels of thy Word, that they may speak as the oracles of God. May they be strong in faith, in utterance, and in all wisdom. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that they may receive with meekness the ingrafted Word, which is able to save their souls. Especially strengthen and help those who preach thy Gospel to the heathen. Let a double portion of thy Spirit rest upon them in their work of faith and labour of love.

Refresh now thy servants, O Lord, with needful repose; and if Thou spare us to see another day, may we enter upon it, enjoying the light of thy countenance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sixth Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we thank Thee for sparing us to see the light of this sacred morning, and we pray for thy grace to help us in keeping this day holy to Thee. It is a good thing to give thanks unto Thee, and to sing praises to thy Name, O Thou most high! On this thine own day may we rejoice in Thee for all thy mercies, and join the Church triumphant in heaven, who worship Thee continually before thy throne.

Preserve us, O Lord, every hour of this blessed day, from a sinful, vain, sluggish, or trifling spirit. When the good seed of the Word is sown in our hearts, let it be accompanied with the dew of thy blessing to make it fruitful. Suffer not our adversary the devil to take away the seed thus sown. Let not the vain pleasures or cares of this world choke the word: and do Thou, O Lord, keep our

hearts from trifling about those things which are heavenly and eternal.

Cause us to profit by every means of grace. Help us to pray, and to study thy Word with meekness and humility. May it lead us to Christ for pardon of all sin; and may thy Holy Spirit seal every promise and every precept upon our hearts. May we delight in the assembly of thy saints, and worship Thee in holy fellowship with thousands and tens of thousands of thy people in all lands.

Bless us, and all who assemble with us, in thy house of prayer. Enable us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Make us more serious, more humble, more believing, and more happy in thy service. Bless all faithful ministers; increase their numbers, and multiply thy gifts of grace to them and to their flocks. Let thy blessing rest on all Sunday schools; be with the teachers, giving them patience and perseverance in their work. May thy Holy Spirit accompany their endeavours to instruct the ignorant. Be with the children; make them teachable, and incline their hearts to love Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

Lord, constrain us, by the love of Christ, to

give ourselves wholly to Thee and to thy blessed service. Thine we are, bought with a price: may we love, worship, and obey Thee and thy dear Son Jesus, ever more and more. Renew us daily after thine image, and receive us at length into the blessed company of redeemed saints above, who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Hear us, O our heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

O MOST gracious God, our Father in Christ Jesus, Thou that keepest mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; we bow down before Thee, unworthy of the least of all thy mercies, but humbly hoping to receive grace for his sake. We thank Thee that thou dost invite us to wait upon Thee in prayer. We rejoice in the precious gift of thy Holy Scriptures. Let these streams of grace always attend us in our journeyings through this great wilderness. May thy Holy Spirit so bless to us the use of thine appointed ordinances, that we may find them abundantly profitable to

our souls, till we are brought safely out of all temptations and sorrows to the city of our God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who ever livest to make intercession for thy people, uphold and guide us by thy Spirit, that we faint not. Thou hast by thy mighty arm brought many sons to glory; and thy redeemed ones still press onward to that crown of righteousness which Thou hast prepared for all who love Thee. Blessed Jesus, suffer us not to wander from Thee: preserve us from falling through sin and unbelief: may we be kept by thy power, through faith unto salvation.

Enable us, O Lord, while here below, to rejoice in the communion of the saints, and to abound in good works. Purify and extend thy Church on earth, that all the kingdoms of this world may speedily become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

O most holy Lord God, Judge of all men, who knowest the very hearts and reins, and who wilt bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil, we unworthy and sinful creatures cannot answer Thee to one charge of a thousand. We were born in sin, and throughout our whole lives have added iniquity unto

iniquity. All these things are written in thy book, and we must acknowledge ourselves altogether guilty before Thee, our God. But there is forgiveness with Thee, O Lord. According to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. We plead the name and merits of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and pray Thee to bestow on us a living faith in Him.

Hear us, O King of Saints, when we call upon Thee: and receive us at the last unto Thyself, together with the innumerable company that surround thy throne, who sing with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

O LORD, who hast brought us to the beginning of another day, we thankfully acknowledge that life and all our continued mercies are from Thee. Thou art good and

doest good. We bless Thee especially for the gift of thy dear Son, in which we receive the sure pledge that Thou wilt freely give all good things to them that ask in his name.

Help us now, O Lord, in all the hours of this day to live to thy glory, and to labour diligently in that state of life to which Thou hast called us. Give us, we beseech Thee, a right discernment of the talents committed to our charge. Shew to each of us our place and our duties. Enable thy servants to occupy faithfully, until Thou comest to take account: and may thy Holy Spirit instruct us how to use all that we have for thy glory. Suffer us not in any wise to become slothful and unfaithful servants.

We beseech Thee to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances. Enable us to serve Thee with a quiet mind. Increase in us true wisdom, and give us zeal and patience. Being redeemed from Satan's bondage with the precious blood of Christ, may we rejoice evermore. Enable us from the heart to love Thee, O Lord. May we renounce and forsake all other masters, and cleave unto Thee with full purpose of heart. Write on our minds the law of love, that we may keep thy commandments, and delight to do thy will. By the purifying

grace of thy Spirit mortify in us all carnal affections; fill us with holy resolutions, and effectually enable us to fulfil our vows unto Thee. Cause us to walk all the day long in a child-like fear of offending Thee; that we may not grieve thy Holy Spirit by any sinful practice or unholy temper. Let love, joy, peace, long-suffering, and every other fruit of the Spirit abound in our life and conversation.

Have pity upon all enemies of the truth and persecutors of thy people. Cause them to see their guilt and danger: convert their hearts, and incline them to receive the Saviour whom now they despise.

Lord, teach us all to know thy voice; guide us in safety and comfort. All our wants and all our weaknesses are known unto Thee; bestow upon us out of thy fulness grace sufficient for us. Stablish, strengthen, settle us, O Lord, and receive us at the last into thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have gone astray from thy ways like lost sheep. We have turned every one to his own way. But Thou, in pity, hast sent thine only begotten Son to die for our sins, and to bring us back unto Thee. Thou seest, O Lord, that we are not sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; let thy good Spirit help our infirmities. Teach us what to ask, and how to order our cause before Thee. Help us to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Holy Lord God! our iniquities prevail against us; O be Thou merciful unto our sins. Save us from the curse which they would bring upon us, and subdue the power of sin in us; enable us to walk in Christ Jesus with a believing and upright heart.

Raise up among us, we pray Thee, O Lord, faithful and able men to maintain thy cause, and to do good in their generation. Endue our Sovereign, and all who are in authority, with

heavenly grace, that they may rule in truth and righteousness. Give to all governors and pastors of thy Church the wisdom that is from above.

Be gracious to the people of this land, and lead us all in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake. Let wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times, and the fear of the Lord our treasure. May it please Thee to have mercy upon all men. Have compassion, O Lord, upon thine ancient people the Jews; and take away the vail from their hearts, that they may see their guilt, and behold thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lord, think upon thy congregation which Thou hast purchased and redeemed of old. Send the plentiful rain of thy Holy Spirit to refresh thine inheritance, when it is weary. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let not any, O Lord, that wait on Thee, go away ashamed; let the poor and needy praise thy name.

Guide us in peace throughout our lives, and deliver us from all evil. Bring us at last to the fountain of living waters above, even unto thy presence, where there is fulness of joy, and to thy right hand, where there are pleasures for

evermore. We ask these great mercies for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

O LORD our heavenly Father, through thy goodness we are safely brought to the beginning of another day. Help us to enter upon the duties now before us with a grateful sense of thine abounding grace towards us through Christ Jesus; on whom all our hopes depend, and without whom we can do nothing.

Grant that we may always enjoy the assurance of his pardoning mercy and justifying righteousness; that we may have a comfortable sense of thine acceptance of us, notwithstanding our innumerable sins. And may the love of Christ constrain us to love Him, and to serve Him with a pure heart fervently. May we ever look up to the Lord Jesus both as our sacrifice for sin, and also as our example, and may we strive continually to follow in his steps.

Give us grace to put on the Lord Jesus. May His Spirit rule within us. May thy law be our delight this day, and every day of our

lives. Let it be graven on our hearts, and constantly exhibited in our conversation with all men.

Make us, O Lord, patient and forbearing towards those who as yet know Thee not; and may we continually desire to promote their salvation. Pour into our hearts that tender concern for souls, which our blessed Master felt when He beheld the multitudes as sheep having no shepherd. Grant that we may in like manner yearn over the thousands in our own land, and the millions in heathen lands, who are blinded by the god of this world. Prosper all endeavours to give them the light of thy truth; and do Thou, by the power of the Holy Ghost, remove every vail from their hearts.

We beseech Thee also richly to endue us with love towards all those who love Thee. May we ever account thy servants the excellent of the earth, and find all our delight in them. Teach us in lowliness of mind to esteem them better than ourselves, and to walk with them in the narrow way with meekness, gentleness, and truth.

May we ever have before our eyes the pattern of our adorable Lord and Master. May we think of Him, the friend of sinners—the shep-

herd that seeketh out his wandering sheep—the lover of little children—the healer of the sick—the guide of the ignorant—the instructor of weak and erring disciples. Enable us to walk even as He walked; and being filled with his Spirit, like Him to go about doing good. And thus, O Lord, not trusting in our own merits, but in thy mercies, may we so glorify our Saviour on earth, that hereafter we may reign with Him in heaven above, for the sake of the same our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

O LORD GOD, the Giver of all good things, we acknowledge that by thy power alone we are upheld, and by thy bounty we are fed day by day. Make us duly thankful for thy benefits: and may the continued renewal of them constrain us to trust entirely in thy good providence, and thy fatherly care over us.

We are not able of ourselves to help ourselves: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Our goings are ordered by Thee,

and we cannot, without Thee, bring any thing to pass. Help us then humbly to submit to thine appointments; and in every thing to say, "If the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that."

Give us grace to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. May we seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, trusting in thy Word that all other things shall be added unto us.

Deliver us from all sinful and ensnaring care for the morrow. We know not what a day may bring forth. Our times are in thy hand. Thou appointest the bounds of our habitation. Thou openest thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Make us diligent in every duty, and full of trust in Thee. Thou, O Lord, art our shepherd: we shall not want. Of thy bountiful providence, give what Thou seest to be good for us; and supply all our spiritual wants out of the riches of thy grace in Christ Jesus.

O Almighty God, who art the guide of all thy people, lead us, we beseech Thee, by the counsels of thy Word through all the trials of this changing life; and enable us to glorify Thee by patient continuance in well-doing. Forgive

us, good Lord, our multiplied rebellions against Thee. Heal our backslidings. Turn us again, and dispose us with a true heart to obey thy commands, and to walk in thy paths. Grant us the comfort of thy presence and the light of thy countenance.

Look in mercy upon our family, and all our friends; upon our neighbours, and all the people of this land. Make them to hear and to know thy voice. Purify, establish, and enlarge thy Church. Pour out of thy Spirit upon all flesh, that thy kingdom of grace may be set up among all nations. Hear these our prayers, and take us under thy watchful care this night, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O LORD, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of another day, fill us with joy in approaching Thee, the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift. To Thee we owe our being, and all the powers of body and soul wherewith we are endowed. The personal blessings, the domestic comforts, and the national advantages we enjoy, are all

from Thee. To thy service, therefore, we would dedicate ourselves anew, and we pray that the grace of thy Holy Spirit may keep us pure in heart, and spotless in life, now and evermore.

Especially would we thank Thee for the revelation of thy mercy to sinners, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. We now, as miserable sinners, come to Thee, that we may be made partakers of the riches of thy grace. Being set free from the bondage and curse of sin, may we run the way of thy commandments with enlarged hearts. Thou, O Lord, art our Father, and thy service is perfect freedom. Thy commandments are not grievous. Thou takest pleasure in the prosperity of thy servants, and rejoicest over them to do them good.

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the inestimable gift of thy dear Son: whom, having not seen, we desire to love, in whom, though now we see him not, yet believing, may we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Lord, help us to rejoice ever more and more in our adorable Redeemer. May we bless Him at all times, and may his praise continually be in our mouth. Let this joy of the Lord be our

strength. In every time of weakness and weariness may thy grace spring up afresh within us, enabling us truly to love our Master, and to feel every labour easy and every burden light in his service.

If Thou shouldst call us to endure trials or persecutions for the truth's sake, suffer us not to be ashamed of Christ and of His Gospel. Rather, O Lord, do Thou enable us to glorify Thee on this behalf. May all thy people in our day become valiant for the truth upon the earth; strengthened with all might, according to thy glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness.

Mortify in our hearts, O Lord, all sinful and vain desires after the perishing treasures of this world, and quicken our longings after a more enduring substance. Enable us, in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content, and so to serve Thee here, that hereafter we may awake up in thy likeness and be satisfied. We ask these mercies in the name of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, we are taught by thy Holy Word that Thou givest unto all men liberally, and upbraidest not. To Thee, therefore, do we make our supplications. We beseech Thee to grant us that wisdom which is from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

We come before Thee in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ. It hath pleased Thee that in Him should all fulness dwell; in Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; and in the dispensations of thy grace He is made to all believers wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

We confess that we have often leaned to our own understanding, and Thou mightest justly upbraid us with our past folly and presumption. But Thou art a gracious Father, dealing very patiently with thy froward children. Let the remembrance of our past errors keep us low in our own eyes. May we submit to the teaching of thy Spirit and of thy Word. Suffer us not

any more, by vain imaginations of our own, to grieve Thee, our Teacher and our Guide.

Give us grace, O Lord, to acknowledge, with unfeigned humility, our own ignorance and weakness. Let not the vail of self-sufficiency rest on our hearts; but incline us to sit at the feet of Jesus with humble and teachable spirits.

O Lord, make us diligent in seeking to know thy will. Teach us to know the corruptions of our own hearts, and the all-sufficiency of thy grace to pardon and to renew us. Grant that the word of Christ may dwell in us richly in all wisdom.

Guide us, also, in all our temporal concerns, by the lessons of thy Holy Word and the instructions of thy good Spirit. Keep us from all error and perplexity; establish our judgment in all things; preserve our feet from crooked ways and our hearts from perverse counsels. Lead us in a plain path, and may all our affairs be ordered and prospered by Thee.

O heavenly Father, let all thy children be taught of Thee, that great may be the peace of thy people. Blessed are the people that know Thee; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from

falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all goodness, look down in compassion upon us thy unworthy servants, who depend entirely upon thy mercy. We have erred from thy ways like lost sheep, nor can we return to Thee unless thy gracious Spirit be pleased to enlighten our minds and direct our steps. Pardon, O Lord, our many sinful wanderings; pity the blindness and dulness of our hearts; and shine into us with the light of thy glorious Gospel. That which we know not teach Thou us; incline our hearts unto thy testimonies, and quicken Thou us in thy way.

Thy hands have made us and fashioned us; Thou hast given to us the powers of reason and of speech, and raised us far above the brutes that perish. From Thee none of our thoughts are hidden; there is not a word on our tongue,

but Thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether. O Thou holy and omniscient God, to us belong shame and confusion of face. We humble ourselves before Thee for our abuse of the gift of speech. Times without number have we grievously offended Thee, and dishonoured thy Gospel by sinful words and vain conversation. Often have we spoken unadvisedly with our lips, and if Thou shouldst enter into judgment with us, we must lay our hands on our mouths, and stand condemned.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art exalted to the right hand of the Father, to receive gifts even for the rebellious, mercifully hear and answer our prayers, while we ask for the influences of thy Holy Spirit; renew us, we pray Thee, in the inner man; sanctify every affection of our souls. May we love Thee above all things. Cause us to walk all the day long in a childlike fear of offending Thee, that we may not grieve thy Holy Spirit by any unholy temper or sinful practice. Enable us to bring others to know and love Thee, our gracious Saviour. Open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O Lord God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, in Thee we live and moye and

have our being. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Cause us to feel our constant dependence on Thee. Feed us with food convenient for us, and enable us evermore to cast all our care on Thee, believing that Thou carest for us. Cheer our souls with a lively hope of those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. Let thy peace rule in our hearts, and cause the spirit of prayer and praise to abound within us. Hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the Maker of all things, the Preserver and Benefactor of all men; we come before Thee at the close of this day, to acknowledge thy eternal power and godhead; and our daily dependence on thy goodness and bounty. In Thee we live and move and have our being; in thy hand our breath is, and thine are all our ways. Suffer us not at any time to forget thy presence; but may we walk as under thine all-seeing eye, con-

stantly remembering the account which we must give to Thee hereafter.

We pray Thee to prosper us in our lawful undertakings, and to bless the labours of our hands. May we never misuse thy gifts, nor fail to employ the talents which Thou hast committed to us. Our time and strength, our property, and our callings in life are all from Thee. Give us the heart to use these blessings to thy glory. Whilst we live may we live unto Thee; when called hence, may we die unto Thee; so that, living or dying, we may be thine for ever.

Give us grace to remember that we are not our own, but are bought with a price, even the precious blood of thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Let thy Spirit lead us forth in the paths of righteousness, enabling us to live as those that are set apart for thy glory. Give us an understanding heart, that we may discern what is thy will concerning us, and may in all things act as thy willing and faithful servants.

Preserve us from the snare of an anxious and unbelieving spirit. We look up to Thee, as the gracious Provider of all things needful for our souls and our bodies. The earth is thine, and the fulness thereof; Thou givest it to the

children of men. Make us contented with such things as we have; and keep us thankful and humble under all the appointments of thy Providence. We pray Thee to supply employment and sustenance for the poor. Give health to the sick, and joy to them that mourn. Let thy Gospel have free course, and be glorified; may it be as seed sown in every land, taking root, and bearing fruit an hundredfold. Let Jew and Gentile turn to the Lord, and be saved.

O holy Lord God! our iniquities prevail against us; be Thou merciful unto our sins. Save us from the curse which they would bring upon us; subdue the power of sin in us, and enable us to walk in Christ Jesus with upright hearts.

Hear us, O Lord, and grant us now to lie down at peace with Thee and with all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

O MOST holy, blessed, and glorious Lord God Almighty, before whom the angels cover their faces, thousand thousands minister

unto Thee, and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before Thee. What are we, frail creatures of a day, that we should come into thy presence, and offer our supplications unto Thee! Yet dost Thou graciously condescend to bow down thine ear, and hear the poorest and vilest who draw near to Thee in prayer. Hear us, miserable sinners, now offering our humble petitions at thy throne of grace this morning. We plead the name of thy beloved Son. The sacrifice Thou desirest is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Thou art holy, but we are unholy. Cause us to see ourselves as Thou seest us, that we may feel more and more the preciousness of being found in Christ, justified, accepted, and adopted through the merits of Him who is the Lord our righteousness and our strength.

O Lord, who seest that we humble ourselves before Thee, make us humble also towards our fellow-men. Teach us unfeignedly to esteem others better than ourselves. Make us willing to take the lowest place. May we be low in our own eyes, and be ready to make much of them that fear the Lord our God.

May that mind be in us which was also in

Christ Jesus. Give us grace to show all meekness and lowliness of mind, forbearing and forgiving one another. Make us all of one heart, walking in peace and love. May we have grace to deny ourselves, not in great matters only, but even in small things! not seeking to be ministered unto, but to minister, gladly serving the poorest members of thy flock, knowing that all are cared for by the Good Shepherd.

Gracious Father, hide thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Renew and sanctify our souls; write thy laws in our hearts; and let thy Holy Spirit dwell and rule within us continually. In every time of trial and temptation, be Thou our hiding-place and our refuge.

Prepare us for whatever changes may be appointed for us, for we know not what a day may bring forth. Teach us to accept thy mercies with a thankful heart, and to use the bounties of thy providence with holy moderation. In whatever state we are, enable us to be therewith content. O satisfy our souls with thy mercy, and when Thou shalt call us hence, receive us to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

O LORD GOD most holy, God most merciful, the only wise God our Saviour, how can we sinners utter all thy praise! But we thank Thee that Thou dost permit us, sinful as we are, to adore thy condescending love in Christ Jesus. Lord, we pray Thee to soften and melt our hard hearts, that we may be enabled to pour forth our whole souls in adoring love and gratitude to Jesus, the Redeemer of the world.

We are not worthy of the least of all the mercy and of all the truth which Thou hast showed unto thy servants. How soon do we forget thy favours! how soon do we murmur against the Most High, and forget all His loving-kindnesses! Pardon us, good Lord, and grant us the gracious influence of thy Holy Spirit. Show to us the things which are freely given unto us in Christ. Bestow on us, for His sake, the spirit of adoption, whereby we may cry to Thee as our Father. Shed abroad in our hearts thy love; and make us to abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, give unto us a

tender conscience, and a heart ever mindful of thy presence, that we may be kept from offending Thee. Touch us with such a sense of thy holiness, and of the danger of sin, that we may abhor the very thought of evil, and by the help of thy grace may put it far from us. Cause us to delight in thy law after the inner man. Give us victory over all the enemies of our souls, and perfect thy good work within us. Help us continually to be looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

O God, Thou knowest our foolishness, and our faults are not hid from Thee. We bewail ourselves before Thee, feeling how grievously the flesh lusteth against the spirit, so that we cannot do the things that we would. Forgive, O Lord, our many sins, negligences, and ignorances. Pardon the iniquity that is mingled with our best services: and when Thou art pacified towards us, enable us still to walk humbly with Thee, and to remember our utter unworthiness in thy sight.

We pray Thee to pity all that are in misery; all prisoners and captives; all widows and orphans; the stranger and the outcast; the sick and the dying.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the nations that

are yet sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Send out thy light and thy truth; and bless thy faithful servants who preach to them the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We commit ourselves to thy care this night, and pray that we may all be filled with love and joy and peace in believing, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who hast appointed the bounds of our habitation in this world, help us to lift up our souls unto Thee in prayer. We thank Thee that Thou hast given us the most precious of all gifts, even the unspeakable gift of thine own dear Son.

Have mercy upon us of this family, and pour down upon us the richest treasures of thy grace. We ask not for earthly honours, but for spiritual blessings. We know not what worldly thing is best for us; but we pray Thee to bestow upon us thy pardoning mercy and thy sanctifying grace. Grant us redemption through the death of thy beloved Son: may the Holy Ghost

dwell in our hearts, then shall all things work together for our good and for thy glory.

Thou seest, O Lord, what are our several circumstances and dispositions, Thou, and Thou alone, canst overrule them all to thine honour, and our present and everlasting benefit. Graciously look down upon us, and so order our goings in thy ways, that we may profit by all the dispensations of thy providence. Enable us to subdue the manifold corruptions of our evil hearts, that we may be kept from all selfish purposes and malignant thoughts. In all things may we study to be helpful one to another. In every affliction may we shew how friendly and serviceable thy grace can enable thy disciples to be. As Christ, who is our example, came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many, so may we in love serve one another.

O Lord, our time is short, and we must soon appear before thy judgment-seat. Stir us up, while it is day, to walk in the light, as children of the light; that when the night cometh, we may not fall under the condemnation of unprofitable servants. Guide us in the path of life, and bring us to the inheritance of thy chosen people. Quicken us in doing those

good works which Thou hast before ordained that we should walk in them.

Look, O Lord, upon thy whole Church, and shed abroad the gifts and graces of the Holy Ghost. Endue all ministers of the Gospel with the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. May the word spoken by them never be spoken in vain. The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few. Send forth more labourers into thy harvest. Raise up evangelists to go forth everywhere preaching the word, and may thy Spirit so accompany them, that thousands may be converted to the faith, and nations be born in a day.

Hear us, Father of mercies, and do for us, and for all others, even more than we have asked, for the Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Another week is past, and we have tasted afresh of thy goodness. O let our souls bless Thee: let all that is within us praise thy holy

Name. Thou forgivest all our iniquities: Thou healest the diseases of our souls: Thou redeemest our lives from destruction, and crownest us with loving kindness and tender mercies.

Merciful Saviour, Thou didst shed thy blood upon the cross to redeem us from death; hear us while we entreat Thee to plead thy merits, as our Advocate with the Father. Thou art the propitiation for our sins; deliver us from the condemnation due to sin, and grant us thy peace.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the opportunities of usefulness which Thou hast granted us during the week, and we pray Thee to forgive our backwardness in thy service. But whereinsoever Thou hast made us instruments of good to the souls or bodies of our fellow-creatures, for this we desire to thank Thee, O Thou most merciful God and Saviour.

We pray Thee to increase the benefits thus wrought in thy name an hundredfold above all that we designed or thought. Let the seed sown spring up and bring forth fruit abundantly; and may the bread cast upon the waters be found after many days.

We thank Thee also for the unity and godly love in which Thou dost keep us as a family.

Restrain the evils of our corrupt hearts; grant unto us more and more of the mind that was in Christ Jesus. Let thy people walk more stedfastly in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

And now, O Lord, give to us the preparation of the heart, that, if spared to see the light of thy holy day, we may welcome its approach with joy. Suffer us not to possess so many privileges in vain; but may we be prepared to worship Thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant. May thy word be precious to our souls. Help us to rejoice in the assemblies of thy saints. And may we so delight ourselves in every ordinance of thy appointment, that we may realize thy presence, and be made fitter for the enjoyment of that everlasting rest which remaineth for thy people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

Christmas Day.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly beseech Thee to accept our hearty thanks for the manifold mercies which Thou hast poured upon us.

We bless Thee especially for sending, as on this day, thy well-beloved Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be made in the likeness of sinful flesh.

We rejoice that unto us a Child is born; that unto us a Son is given. And we would join the multitude of the heavenly host in praising Thee and saying, Glory to Thee in the highest; peace on earth; good-will toward men.

And as, when Thou didst bring thy First begotten into the world, Thou didst command all the heavenly host to worship Him; so may we also give unto Him the glory which is due unto his name.

O Thou great and glorious Redeemer, who

art Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, King of kings, and Lord of lords, Emmanuel, God with us. For Thou only art holy: Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the glory of God the Father.

But chiefly, at this time, we adore Thee for leaving the glory which Thou hadst with the Father before the world began. We know thy grace, O Lord Jesus Christ, that though Thou wast rich, yet for our sakes Thou didst become poor, that we, through thy poverty, might be made rich. We beseech Thee, by the mystery of thy holy incarnation and nativity, Good Lord, deliver us. O Son of David, have mercy upon us. Thou, who didst come that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly, be gracious unto us. Thou who wast called Jesus, that Thou mightest save thy people from their sins, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

And give unto us grace, Almighty God, that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal light, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility.

As He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and hath left us an example to do unto others as He hath done unto us, so may we learn to take his yoke upon us and to learn of Him who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest unto our souls. Grant that we, being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, and follow the blessed steps of his most holy life.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, thy blessing to us this day. May we pour out our hearts before Thee, with joy and praise, in the congregation of thy people.

Hear us further, we beseech Thee, most gracious Father, and grant that the glad tidings, which we commemorate this day, may be made known unto all people.

Let the seed of the woman bruise the serpent's head.

May the root which hath sprung out of Jesse send forth branches on the right hand and on the

left; and may the natural branches which have been so long broken off, even thy people Israel, be again grafted on their own olive tree; for Thou art able to graft them in again.

Have compassion, also, on those who have never heard of the coming of our blessed Lord in the flesh. In Him who hath arisen to rule over the Gentiles, let the Gentiles trust, and find his rest to be glorious.

Mercifully with thy favour look upon the whole Christian world. May all that name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. *Especially preserve them from turning this sacred season into an occasion of revellings and unholy mirth. Let them rejoice as Christians in Christ their Saviour; and let thy grace teach them to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.*

And, as at thy first coming, O Lord Jesu Christ, Thou didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before Thee, we beseech Thee to grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; that at thy second coming, to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who

livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

EVENING.

O HOLY and merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and yet long-suffering toward sinners, we approach thy throne, acknowledging our unworthiness, and putting our whole trust and confidence in the promises which Thou hast made unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We have greatly provoked Thee to anger by our manifold offences; but Thou declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Thou hast not stretched forth the right hand of thy majesty to avenge Thee of thine enemies, but with thy own arm Thou hast wrought out redemption for us. Thou hast not sent thy Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

We bless Thee for revealing to us this great mystery, which was hid from ages and generations, but is now made manifest unto the sons of men. We rejoice that unto us was born,

as on this day, a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Our souls do magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour.

Praised be thy name, for sending forth, in the fulness of time, thy Only-begotten Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Glory be unto Thee, for causing thy loving kindness towards us to appear. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to thy mercy, Thou hast saved us.

O Thou, who wast in Christ, reconciling the world unto thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, forgive us all our trespasses. Through Him who was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, and came to seek and to save that which was lost, have mercy upon us. By the mystery of his holy incarnation and nativity, Good Lord, deliver us.

And since thy blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; and that, when He shall come again, in power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him, in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

Let the same mind, also, be in us which was in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, and thinking it not robbery to be equal with God, yet made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was found in fashion as a man,—a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

Help us continually to follow the example of his great humility. In lowliness of mind may we esteem others better than ourselves. And give us grace so to walk in all holiness of living, that we may not be ashamed before Him at his coming.

We pray, likewise, O Heavenly Father, that through thy tender mercies, the Day-spring from on High, which hath visited us, may arise and shine upon the nations that are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace.

Grant that it may both be a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy people Israel.

Raise up faithful and able ministers of the New Testament, to go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the remission of their sins.

Pour down thy grace and heavenly bene-

diction upon all who are called Christians; especially upon such as have assembled with us in thy house of prayer [*and around thy holy table*]. May the children of Zion be joyful in their King! and may they so truly follow the blessed steps of their Lord and Master, that they may be saved by Him in the great day of his appearing and glory. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Last Day of the Year.

MORNING OR EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal Lord of heaven and earth, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, who art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, and whose years fail not throughout all generations, from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God.

We acknowledge Thee as the Author and Preserver of our being, the Lord of our life, by whom alone we escape death.

Accept, we beseech Thee, our humble sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for thy goodness and mercy which have followed us all our days. We especially bless Thee for delivering us from the perils and dangers of the year that is now drawing to a close. Not for our righteousness, O Lord,—not for our righteousness, but for thy mercy's sake it is that we have not been consumed; because thy compassions fail not.

Our sins are all naked and open unto Thee,

from our youth up even until now: and none can tell but Thou, O God, who knowest all things, how many and great they are.

We humble ourselves before Thee, confessing and bewailing all that we have done amiss. Enter not into judgment with us, but spare us according to thy great goodness. According to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our offences. Pardon and accept us, for the sake of thy Only-begotten Son, whom Thou didst send into the world, as at this time, to take our nature upon him, that He might redeem us unto Thee by his blood. Bless us in turning away every one of us from our iniquities.

Wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sins; and let them all be buried with the closing year, to rise up against us no more for ever.

And keep us mindful, Good Lord, as the years of our life pass away, that the end of all things is at hand; and make us sober and watchful unto prayer.

May we never forget that we are strangers and pilgrims upon earth, as all our fathers were; that we have no continuing city here, and ought diligently to seek one to come.

Our years pass away like a shadow, or a

vapour, which appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. Lord, teach us so to number them, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Make us to know our end and the measure of our days, that we may consider how frail we are, and may learn to redeem the time that remaineth.

May we remember, also, that life is uncertain, and that in the midst thereof we are continually in death.

Give us grace to watch and pray, since we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh. May we be always ready, with our loins girt about and our lights burning, and we ourselves like unto them that wait for their Lord.

Above all, we beseech Thee to keep us mindful that it is appointed unto us once to die, but after death the judgment; and that we shall, every one, receive the things done in the body, according to that we have done, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

Help us to fight the good fight and to keep the faith, that there may be laid up for us a crown of righteousness, which Thou, the righteous and merciful Judge, wilt give unto us in that day.

Hear us, O Lord, we further beseech Thee, while we make our hearty intercessions for all who are partakers of the same frail nature with ourselves.

Look in mercy upon those who are in the morning of their years. May they remember their Creator in the days of their youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh of which they shall say there is no pleasure in them. As Thou hast promised that they who seek Thee early shall find Thee, do Thou graciously dispose them to seek Thee earnestly with all their hearts; that so they may become thy sons and daughters, growing in wisdom as they grow in years, and in favour with Thee and man.

Mercifully regard, also, such as are in the strength and vigour of life; and dispose them to give unto Thee the best of their days, and not to weary themselves for very vanity.

Finally, we pray Thee to remember those whose strength is now but labour and sorrow. Enable them to bring forth fruit in their old age, according to the ability which yet remaineth. *May they come to their graves like as a shock of corn cometh in his season.* When their flesh and their heart fail them, be Thou the

strength of their heart and their portion for ever.

Fulfil, O Lord, these our petitions, for the sake of our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

New Year's Day.

MORNING OR EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who livest and abidest for ever, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, who wast, and art, and art to come, Thou hast made our days, as it were, a span long, and our age is even as nothing in respect of Thee.

We praise Thee for the gift of Him who was manifest in the flesh, that He might destroy death; and hath brought life and immortality to light by the Gospel; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally.

We give Thee thanks, also, O Heavenly Father, for sparing us from year to year; and we beseech Thee still to spare us, O Lord most holy, O God most mighty.

Mercifully grant that thy great goodness

may lead us to repentance. With this new year help us to begin a new life. Quicken us in the way of righteousness, that we may set out afresh in our Christian course; and may cleave unto Thee with fuller purpose of heart.

And as, on this day, Thou didst make thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man, we beseech Thee to grant unto us the true circumcision of the spirit, that, our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will. By his holy Nativity and Circumcision, Good Lord, deliver us.

Give us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God.

O Thou, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto us that we may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found.

Our days are as a hand-breadth. They pass away as a dream when one awaketh: and we all

do fade as a leaf. Our years are determined with Thee, and the number of our days: and Thou hast appointed our bounds, that we cannot pass. We know not what a day may bring forth; and there may be but a step between us and death. Enable us to work while it is called to-day, before the night cometh when no man can work.

Pour down, O Lord, thy choicest blessings on all our fellow-men, according to their various wants.

Be merciful unto those who have lived all the years of their life in carelessness and sin. Give them grace to think on their ways and to turn their feet unto thy testimonies, before the things that belong unto their peace are for ever hidden from their eyes.

Turn the hearts of such as have set their affections on this world, and are minding only earthly things. Teach them henceforth to use the world without abusing it; seeing that the fashion of it passeth away.

Have mercy on those who have put off their repentance from year to year, and make them to know that now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation.

Be gracious unto all who have chosen that good part which none can take from them.

Uphold their goings in thy way, and keep them in the path in which they should go. May they go from strength to strength, till every one of them appear before Thee in Zion.

Finally, we beseech Thee to look with special favour upon those, the days of whose pilgrimage are drawing to a close and the time of whose departure is at hand. Even in their old age be Thou with them; and in their hoary hairs do Thou support them. And, when Thou hast guided them here by thy counsel, receive them hereafter to the kingdom of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Good Friday.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, look down upon us, we beseech Thee, from the habitation of thy glory, and mercifully hear us while we call upon Thee.

We praise Thee for bringing us in safety to the beginning of this day, so worthy to be had in remembrance by us miserable sinners.

We bless Thee, O heavenly Father, for commending thy love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us to reconcile us unto Thee. Herein is love, not that we loved Thee, but that Thou hast loved us, and sent thy Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

We praise Thee, that by the one oblation of Himself, as on this day once offered, He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified, by finishing transgression, making an end of

sin, making reconciliation for iniquity, and bringing in everlasting righteousness.

We look unto Thee, O Thou suffering Redeemer, who hast tasted death for our souls. We adore Thee for thy wonderful love in humbling thyself to become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Worthy art Thou, who wast slain, to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing!

We pray Thee, help thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

We beseech Thee, by thine agony and bloody sweat, by thy cross and passion, by thy precious death and burial, Good Lord, deliver us. O Lord Jesu Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

And forasmuch as it hath pleased Thee, Almighty God, of thy tender love towards mankind to send thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility, mercifully

grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also may be made partakers of his resurrection.

Teach us to love one another, as He hath loved us; to bear each other's burdens; and so to fulfil the law of Christ; who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and gave His life a ransom for many.

Help us likewise to love our enemies, and from our heart to forgive every one his trespasses against us.

And grant us grace to remember that Christ died for all, that they which lived should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him who died for them, and bought them with his blood.

Furthermore, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to have compassion on a world for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross.

Let the fountain which, as on this day, was opened for sin and for uncleanness, send forth its healing streams into all lands.

We pray especially for those whose forefathers shed this innocent blood. Let it no longer be upon them and upon their children;

but take from them that evil heart of unbelief. Give them eyes to see, and ears to hear, and hearts to understand, that they may be converted; and that Thou mayst heal them. Pour down upon them the spirit of grace and supplication, that they may look upon Him whom they have pierced, and may mourn with godly sorrow unto repentance.

Have mercy on all others who are enemies to the cross of Christ; to whom He is a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence: and deliver them from the guilt of neglecting his great salvation.

Bless those who are appointed to preach thy glorious Gospel; and let them know nothing among men, but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

Make thy chosen people joyful: and enable them to glory only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. By it may the world be crucified unto them, and they unto the world.

Finally, may it please Thee that all the ends of the earth may look unto Christ, and be saved.

Grant this for the sake of the same, thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there, by the one oblation of Himself, as at this time offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; hear us, O most merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, through faith in his blood, may obtain the remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold and great offences, for which our Lord Jesus Christ humbled Himself unto death, even the death of the cross; and for which Thou thyself wast pleased to bruise Him, and put Him to grief.

Blessing and honour, and glory and power, be unto Thee, O Lamb of God, for ever and ever. For Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us unto God by thy blood.

Grant, we beseech Thee, most merciful Father,

that we may always remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding He hath obtained to us.

May we know Him, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death. May we believe on his name, that our faith may be counted for righteousness; and that so we may not perish, but may have everlasting life.

May his love be so abundantly shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost, as to constrain us to live the life which we live in the flesh, by faith in Him, thy beloved Son; not unto ourselves, but unto Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us. Forasmuch as we are not our own, but are bought with a price, help us to glorify Thee in our body, and in our spirits, which are thine. And we humbly beseech Thee to grant, that we being dead unto sin and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in His death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, being made partakers of the death of thy Son, we may also be partakers of his resurrection; so that, finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, we may be inheritors of thy everlasting kingdom.

Hear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the voice of our intercession in behalf of others.

As thy blessed Son was lifted up on the cross, to draw all men unto Him, grant that all may be made partakers of the benefits of his passion.

We again, this evening, especially entreat Thee in behalf of thy ancient people Israel. *Return, O Lord, and have compassion on them. Let them not continue, as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation, that set not their hearts aright, and whose spirit cleaveth not steadfastly unto Thee. But bring them, even now at the last, to confess that He, whom their forefathers took, and by wicked hands crucified and slew, is both Lord and Christ. Cast not off thy people, whom Thou didst foreknow. Comfort them again for the time wherein Thou hast plagued them, and for the years wherein they have suffered adversity: and fulfil thy promise toward them, that all Israel shall be saved.*

Hear us, also, in behalf of those who call themselves Christians; but to whom Christ is without form and comeliness; and who see no beauty in Him that they should desire Him. Grant that He may become all their salvation, and all their desire.

Convert from the error of their ways such as

profess to know Christ, but in works deny Him, and let them cease to turn his grace into licentiousness.

Look with pity upon those who are trembling for their offences, and are wearied and heavy laden with the burden of their sins. May they come unto Christ and find rest to their souls.

Bless thy faithful people; and let them not be ashamed of their Lord and Saviour. And if they are called upon to suffer for righteousness' sake, endue them with the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Grant, O Lord, that in all their sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, they may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless their persecutors, by thy example, O blessed Jesus, on the cross, who didst there pray for thy murderers, and now standest at the right hand of God, to succour all those that suffer for Thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Easter Sunday.

MORNING.

O MERCIFUL GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was dead and is alive again, we rejoice in the return of this sacred day, on which He loosed the pains of death, and was raised from the grave, being made the first-fruits of them that slept.

We bless Thee, that He was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification. For He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who, by his death, hath destroyed death, and him that had the power of death; and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Blessed be Thou, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, of thy abundant mercy, hast begotten us again to a lively hope by His resurrection from the dead, to an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not

away, reserved in heaven for all who are kept by thy power through faith unto salvation.

We confess that we are by nature dead in trespasses and sins; and cannot by our own power raise ourselves to newness of life.

But Thou, O Christ, art the Resurrection and the Life; and Thou hast declared that whosoever believeth in Thee shall live, though he die; and that whosoever liveth and believeth in Thee, shall never die. We meekly beseech Thee, therefore, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness. Have mercy on us, O Lord, Thou Son of David. By thy glorious resurrection, Good Lord, deliver us.

As Thou hast loosened the pains of death, because it was impossible that Thou shouldest be holden of them, so let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, who are tied and bound with the chain of our sins. Grant unto us that perfect liberty wherewith Thou makest thy people free. Do Thou make us free, and we shall be free indeed. May we know Thee, and the power of thy resurrection; and so put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth.

And may it please Thee, O Lord God, the

God of peace Thyself, who didst bring from the dead the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, to make us perfect in every good work, to do thy will, working in us that which is well pleasing in thy sight.

Vouchsafe thy blessing to us this morning. Put into our minds good desires; and enable us to bring the same to good effect.

May the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in us, and quicken us in all the duties of this day. Raise our thoughts from the things of this world, and fix them upon those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand. Help us fervently to join the prayers and praises of thy people in the courts of thy sanctuary.

Since Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us therefore let us keep the feast. And give us grace so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.

Grant, also, unto those who assemble with us, that they may be plenteously endued with all heavenly graces, and be prepared, with meek

heart and due reverence, to hear and receive thy holy word, *and to be partakers of thy holy mysteries.*

Pour down thy Spirit from on high on the ministers of thy blessed Gospel: and while they preach Jesus and the resurrection, let thy Word in their mouth be as life from the dead; that so they, who are sleeping in their sins, may awake, and arise from the dead, that Christ may give them life.

Grant these our requests, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

EVENING.

MOST merciful God and Father, we thy humble servants beseech Thee to receive our hearty thanks for thy great goodness vouchsafed unto us.

We have once more commemorated thy wonderful love to us, and to all mankind, in giving thy Son not only to die for our sins, but to rise again for our justification; that, having overcome the sharpness of death, He might open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be our Strong

Helper! And praised be the God of our salvation! Our souls do magnify the Lord; and our spirits rejoice in Christ our Saviour. With His own right hand, and with His holy arm, He hath gotten Himself the victory.

By His glorious resurrection, Good Lord, deliver us. Deliver us and take away our sins, for the honour of thy name. Justify us freely by thy grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

And grant that, as He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also may walk in newness of life, reckoning ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. May we follow His example, and be made like unto Him; and as He died and rose again for us, so may we, who are baptised into His death, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

Hear us, O God of mercy, in behalf of our fellow-men.

Grant that the Sun of Righteousness may arise with healing in His wings upon the nations that sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Have mercy on the house of Israel; and let them know assuredly, that Thou hast made that same Jesus, whom their forefathers crucified, both Lord and Christ.

May those who are living in sin remember that Thou hast appointed a day in the which Thou wilt judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom Thou hast ordained, whereof Thou hast given assurance unto all men, in that Thou hast raised Him from the dead.

Comfort those who are mourning for the loss of beloved friends and relations, departed this life in thy faith and fear. Teach them to sorrow not, even as others which have no hope, for them that sleep in Thee; believing, that if Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

Deliver those likewise who, through fear of death, are all their life-time subject unto bondage. And take away from thy dying servants the bitterness thereof, and enable them to render thanks unto Thee who givest them the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our petitions for ourselves and others, for the sake of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Ascension Day.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY Father, by whose power we have been graciously preserved to meet together this morning, we draw nigh unto Thee, in the name of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer, who, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High.

We bless Thee, O Lord, for giving Him not only to live and to die for us, and to rise again, but, chiefly at this time, for causing Him to ascend up on High, leading captivity captive, and receiving gifts for men, yea, even for the rebellious also, that Thou mightest dwell among them.

We glorify thy name, for exalting Him at thy own right hand in heavenly places, to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins.

Having, therefore, such a High Priest, as be-

came us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; one who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin, we are encouraged to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

By His glorious ascension, Good Lord, deliver us.

We have most grievously sinned against Thee, and deserve thy wrath and indignation. But we have an Advocate with Thee, Jesus Christ the Righteous; whom Thou hast appointed as the Propitiation for our sins; and who is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto Thee by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hear, we beseech Thee, the voice of His mediation in our behalf; and when Thou hearest, have mercy. May our sins, though many, be forgiven us, through the riches of thy grace; and being justified by faith, may we have peace with Thee, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For His sake, also, O most merciful Father, enable us to hate and mortify those sins, which

we humbly implore Thee no more to remember against us. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness. Let our repentance be unto salvation, not to be repented of. Give unto us that faith which worketh by love, purifieth the soul, overcometh the world, establisheth the law, and maketh us careful to maintain good works.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy Only-begotten Son to have ascended into the Heavens, so we may also, in heart and life, thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell: that when He cometh again, He may receive us unto Himself, and that where He is there we may be also.

Look in compassion upon all mankind, whom thy beloved Son redeemed with His most precious blood.

As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him, fulfil thy promise that He shall receive from Thee the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

Have mercy on those from whose forefathers, as concerning the flesh, Christ came. Let it no more be said, that He cometh to His own, and His own receive Him not; but may they receive Him at the last, as the Consolation of Israel, the Desire of all nations, the Messiah that was to come into the world.

Grant that all who have set their affections on this world may seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

And may all who have set themselves against the Lord and against His anointed, kiss the Son lest He be angry and they perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.

Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom Thou hast given Him. We pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil of it. Grant that they may not be of the world, even as He was not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth. Thy word is truth. Neither pray we for these alone, but for those also who shall hereafter believe on His name; that they all may be one as Thou, Father, art in Him, and He in Thee.

And may it please Thee, of thy gracious

goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those who have departed this life in thy faith and fear, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EVENING.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, into whose presence we have boldness to enter through the precious blood of Christ, by that new and living way which is consecrated for us through His flesh; and having a High Priest passed into the heavens, even Jesus, thy beloved Son, we approach Thee in His great and glorious name. And we beseech Thee to grant that we may draw nigh unto Thee with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

Accept our thanks, O Lord, for the marvellous works which Thou hast wrought for the sinful children of men. Glory be unto Thee, O Father of mercies, for sending thy Only-begotten Son into the world, that whosoever believeth in Him, may not perish, but have everlasting life. Praised be thy name, that

when He had finished the work which Thou hadst given Him to do, by pouring out His soul unto death, Thou didst raise Him from the grave, and set Him at thy own right hand in heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this world, but in that which is to come; and hast put all things under His feet; and hast given Him to be Head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

We rejoice that, as at this time, He ascended to His Father and to our Father; to His God and to our God; and that, as our Forerunner, He is gone to prepare a place for us.

By His glorious ascension and all-prevailing intercession, Good Lord, deliver us. Receive us into the number of thy faithful and elect children; and make us partakers of the heritage of thy chosen. We pray Thee, O God, who art rich in mercy, for the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us, to quicken together with Christ, all who are dead in trespasses and sins; and raise us up together, and make us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. *May we be joined to the innumerable company of*

angels, to the general assembly and Church of the firstborn which are written in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant.

As Thou hast exalted Him with great triumph into thy kingdom in heaven, we beseech Thee leave us not comfortless, but send to us thy Holy Ghost to comfort us; and exalt us unto the same place, whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; that we may be with Him where He is, and may behold His glory, which Thou hast given Him.

We look up unto Thee, our only Mediator and Advocate, who, by thy blood, hast obtained eternal redemption for us; and having offered one sacrifice for our own sins, art for ever sat down at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Thee.

Remember us, O Lord Jesus, who now art entered into thy kingdom.

Thou, who art exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, grant unto us repentance and remission of sins.

Thou, that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

Thou, who ever livest to make intercession for the transgressors, pray for us.

Thou, who hast all power given unto Thee in heaven and in earth, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us.

Look down, O Lord, not only upon us, but upon all others, for whom thy beloved Son died and rose again, and ascended, and ever liveth to make intercession. Send them help from thy holy place, and evermore mightily defend them.

And may we and they be daily looking forward to the time when He shall so come, in like manner as He ascended up into heaven, to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe.

And grant, O Lord, that we may all find mercy of Thee in that day.

We ask these things, through our all-prevailing Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Whit Sunday.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose good providence we are brought to see the light of another morning, mercifully accept our thanks for this thy goodness towards us.

Thou art the Hope of all the ends of the earth; and upon Thee the eyes of all do wait for their portion in due season. Unto Thee, therefore, do we lift up our eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

We wait now, at thy footstool, for the promise of thy Spirit, which, as at this time, Thou didst miraculously pour out upon the sons of men, enduing them with divers powers from on high. And we praise Thee for the gracious assurance, that He shall remain with thy people always, even to the end of the world.

Without His mighty aid we can do nothing that is rightful. We know not what to pray for

as we ought, unless He help our infirmities, and make intercession for us, according to thy will. We have need of His holy inspiration to think those things that be good; and of His merciful guiding to enable us to perform the same. Grant therefore, we beseech Thee, that He may continually rest upon us, as a Spirit of wisdom and understanding, a Spirit of counsel and strength, a Spirit of knowledge and true godliness, a Spirit of fear and love, a Spirit of truth, unity, and concord, a Spirit of everlasting consolation and good hope.

Especially vouchsafe unto us His grace this day. May He guide us into all truth. May He open our understandings to understand the Scriptures; and our hearts to receive them. May He prepare us to join in the solemn services of thy temple; [and] to pour out before Thee the voice of prayer and praise in the congregation of thy people [*and to partake of the mysteries of thy holy table*].

Let not our past abuse of thy mercies provoke Thee to cast us away from thy presence, and to take thy Holy Spirit from us. But rather, do Thou give unto us true repentance, and a greater measure of strength from above; that we may stir up the gift of God that is in us, and be

quickened to greater diligence in profiting by the means of grace and salvation.

By the coming of the Holy Ghost, Good Lord, deliver us.

Grant that we, being regenerate, and new created in Christ Jesus unto all good works, may be made more meet for that glorious kingdom, into which Thou hast declared that none can enter who are not born again. Seal us, we pray Thee, with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance.

And may the blessed hope of dwelling with Thee be shed abroad in our hearts, and abound through His almighty power. Enable us daily to rejoice in this hope of thy glory; that, amidst all the trials and troubles of life, it may be to us the anchor of our souls, both sure and stedfast.

Be pleased, O Lord, to hear the voice of our intercession in behalf of our fellow-creatures.

Pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh.

Arise, O Lord, in the greatness of thy strength, and awaken to a life of righteousness those who are dead in trespasses and sins.

Send out thy light and thy truth to the nations who know not thy name, and have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Have mercy on thy people Israel, and fulfil thy word of promise towards them. A new heart do Thou give them; and a new spirit put within them: and take away the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh. And put thy Spirit within them, and cause them to walk in thy statutes, and to keep thy judgments, and to do them.

Shed abroad all spiritual blessings on the churches of thy saints. May they be edified by the truth as it is in Jesus; and walking in thy fear, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may they be multiplied exceedingly.

Bless all Christian ministers. Endue them with thy holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heavenly grace; and let the words which they shall speak this day be applied to the hearts of men in the demonstration of the Spirit, and of power.

May He, the Spirit of all truth, convince the faithless; enlighten the blind; instruct the ignorant; direct the inquiring; strengthen the weak; convert the wicked; humble the proud; sanctify the faithful; reclaim the backsliding; comfort the afflicted; and grant unto all the diversity of His gracious operations, severally as they stand in need.

Hear us, O God, in these our prayers and sup-

plications, for the sake of Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed equal adoration and praise, now, and evermore. *Amen.*

EVENING.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access by one Spirit unto Thee, hear, we beseech Thee, the voice of our unfeigned thanksgiving. Glory and honour be unto Thee, O Father of mercies, for all thy benefits, and especially for all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. We praise Thee for thy holy word; for thy appointed ministers; for thy house of prayer [*for the sacrament of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ*]; and for all the means of grace which have been vouchsafed unto us this day.

We praise Thee for the unspeakable gift of thy beloved Son; for his wonderful love and humiliation; for his holy incarnation and nativity; for his precious death and burial; for his glorious resurrection and ascension; but, chiefly for the coming of the Holy Ghost, which He shed forth abundantly, as at this time, according to his word.

We praise Thee for saving us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.

We bless Thee for thy promise, that if we ask, we shall have; if we seek, we shall find; if we knock, it shall be opened unto us. So give now, therefore, unto us that ask: let us that seek find; open the gate unto us that knock, that we may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord.

We acknowledge Him as the Author and Giver of spiritual life to our souls. We are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but all our sufficiency is of Him.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in us; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. Help us to put off the old man, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts; and to put on the new man, which, after thy image, is created in righteousness and true holiness. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by thy holy inspiration, and make them a habitation for thyself, the temples of the living God: and let us not defile them by taking pleasure in unrighteousness. By thy special grace

preventing us, put into our minds good desires, and by thy continual help enable us to bring the same to good effect: that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to thy will. Grant, we beseech Thee, that as Thou dost teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, so we, by the same Spirit, may have a right judgment in all things, and evermore rejoice in his holy comfort.

Look, O Lord, on a world of transgressors, who are enemies to Thee by wicked works.

As the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal, let none receive his grace in vain.

Have compassion on those who deny his Eternal Power and Godhead; and show unto them, who are thus in error, the light of thy truth, and cause them to return into the way of righteousness.

Be merciful, also, unto such as profess to believe in Him, yet are doing despite to his grace, and are strangers to his sanctifying power. May they see that they only are thy children who are led by thy Spirit, and walk in the way of righteousness.

Strengthen such as do stand. Let them not grieve that Holy Spirit by which they are sealed unto the day of redemption; but ever obey his godly motions in righteousness and true holiness. Comfort and help the weak-hearted; raise up them that fall; and finally beat down Satan under their feet.

Be gracious unto those whom the Holy Ghost hath made overseers to feed the Church, which Thou hast purchased with thy blood.

We pray especially for those who are now purposing to present themselves before the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, for admission into the ministry of thy Church, by the laying on of hands. May they all be inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost, to take upon them this office and ministration, to serve Thee for the promoting of thy glory, and the edifying of thy people. And may they be faithful dispensers of thy holy word and sacraments; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; to whom be ascribed equal glory, praise, and adoration, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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